

Open Spaces Sub Group Meeting

Minutes of the Open Spaces Sub Group meeting on Thursday 5th March 2020

PART ONE

1	<p>Present: Cllrs Peter Bulmer and Sue Rigby and Frank Auty Apologies: Cllrs Jo Evans, Rick Nieto and Keith Scargill In attendance: Kath Lloyd, Clerk <i>*The meeting was not quorate but continued as a discussion forum with no powers of decision or recommendation</i></p>
2	<p>Declarations of interest: None disclosed. ACTION: Frank Auty to complete a Disclosure of Interests form for the records.</p>
3	<p>Minutes of last meeting and matters arising: Deferred to next meeting.</p>
4	<p>Pink Poo Campaigns: the information was discussed and the group agreed that Queens Rd Field would be a suitable site for an initial scheme.</p>
5	<p>Planting: Frank has recently planted 10 spindle trees at Queens Rd Field and he and Cllr Bulmer will carry out a site visit to inspect recent damage to trees.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the group that CWaC had agreed that the parish council could take over responsibility for the planting on the small roundabout at the Sainsburys junction on Caldly Valley Rd. There was a discussion about potentially using it as a "Bee Habitat" with appropriate planting (Budliea, sunflowers, poppies etc) and possibly a willow type sculpture.</p>
6	<p>Play areas: Deferred to next meeting.</p>
7	<p>Expenditure - deferred to the Finance Sub Group on Thursday 12th March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £399 to have a multi-coloured maze painted at Old Laundry Corner - £100 on metal paint to paint railings at Thackeray Drive Playarea and old play equipment at Vaughans Lane - £775 to repair and improve metal arch sign at Josh's Jumps - Upto £500 to improve appearance of mini roundabout at Sainsburys junction, following agreement from CWaC - £1200 for 2 x VE Day Remembrance benches – one at Old Laundry Corner and one at Vicars Cross Community Centre
8	<p>Date and Time of next meeting: Thursday 7th May 2020</p>
9	<p>Information exchange: The clerk shared some concerns about some of the plots at the allotments being neglected (again) and it was agreed that Frank, Cllrs Bulmer and Rigby and the Clerk will visit the allotments on Friday 13th March at 10am to carry out an inspection.</p>

