

Open Spaces Sub Group Meeting

Minutes of the Open Spaces Sub Group meeting on Tuesday 10th September 2019

The meeting started with a site visit at Pearl Lane allotments on the A41

PART ONE

1	<p>Present: Cllrs Peter Bulmer, Jo Evans (missed the site visit) Sara Evans, Sue Rigby, Keith Scargill and Frank Auty (site visit only)</p> <p>Apologies received: Rick Nieto</p> <p>In attendance: Kath Lloyd, Clerk, Malcolm Bate, Maintenance Officer (site visit only)</p>
2	<p>Declarations of interest: None recieved</p>
3	<p>Minutes of last meeting and matters arising: the minutes of the meeting on 19th August were accepted as accurate with an amendment required to include Cllr Jo Evans' apologies. The following item was outstanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a draft plan to be circulated to the local community group asking for involvement with the planning for the Caldly Valley "meadow" area RESOLVED: Clerk to action asap • Cllr Jo Evans has been successful in a £10k National Lottery bid towards new play equipment at Vaughans Lane. The Clerk is seeking updated quotes for the work. RESOLVED: that the sub group recommend to council that approval is given for up to £15k be spent on the new play equipment (there is sufficient in the playground renewal budget for this).
4	<p>Pearl Lane allotments visit: the sub group had scrutinised each allotment and had identified the following actions needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tenant holder of plot 5b has asked Frank Auty if the willow at the end of his allotment could be trimmed back. RESOLVED: the tenant can trim it back but the tree roots are on the canal bank and therefore the property of the Canals & River Trust • Allotment 6b – looking neglected, needs a warning letter • Allotment 7a & 7b – both looking overgrown. The tenant has been sent warning letters in the past and the Cllrs asked that a final and potential notice letter be sent. • Allotment 11a & b – both looking overgrown, one tenant has both and the Clerk was asked to send a warning letter • Allotment 13b – looking overgrown, Clerk was asked to send a warning letter • The public grassed areas and compost heap have been maintained by Gordon Emery, a contractor without a contract, since 2012. RESOLVED: Clerk and Maintenance Officer to consider future plans for the maintenance and report back to sub group.
5	<p>Correspondence: The Clerk has received a number of complaints from local residents about the neglected and overgrown appearance of the Caldly Valley/Sainsburys roundabout. The Traffic & Transport Sub group have met with CWaC and the roundabout has now been cut however, the parish council are lobbying for a long term landscaping plan for the roundabout.</p>
6	<p>Date and Time of next meeting: Monday 14th October at 6pm</p>
7	<p>Information exchange: It was agreed that the next sub group meeting would focus on the Parish Plan and the grounds maintenance contracts.</p>