

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the open spaces committee meeting of Theale Parish Council held on Wednesday 28th July at 7.30pm in the Peter Good Room, Pavilion

Members present: Cllrs A Clark, P Clifford (chairman), S Coker, L Cox, R Gallop, K Gash

Administration Officer: J Crisp

Meeting started at 7.30pm

OPE/1/21/22 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs I Hopcroft, M Paul, J Richardson

OPE/2/21/22 Welcome, introduction & summary of terms of reference

Cllr Clifford had produced a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the mission statement and long-term strategy

OPE/3/21/22 Public forum

No members of the public present

OPE/4/21/22 Project sequencing

Cllr Clifford ran through the survey feedback and survey findings on the PowerPoint presentation. There were 3 key priority items: MUGA, play area and gym equipment. It was agreed to treat each of these with equal priority.

Proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Gallop, it was

RESOLVED to treat the 3 items as a single project with equal priority.

OPE/5/21/22 Consideration of projects for West Berkshire Council's CIL Community Bids

Cllr Clifford referred to the relevant page on the PowerPoint presentation. This bid could fall under social infrastructure and green infrastructure. Bids must be submitted by 31st August. The project would have to go out to tender and be completed by 2022-2023

Proposed by Cllr Gash, seconded by Cllr Coker, it was

RESOLVED to submit a bid for the maximum of £100,000 for the project as a whole.

OPE/6/21/22 Next steps for top two priority projects

One supplier is happy to come in and pull together examples and then submit a quote in the tendering process. He will be invited to the next meeting in September. Cllr Clark asked if Englefield Estate was happy with this project. Need to ensure Edward Crookes is included in discussions.

OPE/7/21/22 Engagement with local and potential users

Cllr Clifford referred to the PowerPoint presentation and added some more groups to the list as suggested by councillors. It was agreed that councillors would meet with key members of the groups to find out what they would want/need. Cllr Coker will discuss with cricket and football, Cllr Gash will discuss with primary school, cubs, beavers, Kevin and Andy, Cllr Cox will discuss with Theale Green school.

OPE/8/21/22 Outdoor space maintenance and update programme

Cllr Clifford referred to the asset register in the PowerPoint presentation. It was agreed that there should be a maintenance programme allocating costs as a percentage of the value of the asset and considering the life span of the asset. J Crisp to share the existing maintenance programme with the committee.

OPE/9/21/22 Councillors' remarks for the open space committee chair

Cllr Clark said the car park issue had been discussed at the Village Hall meeting and is to be on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Cllr Clifford said there was a sunken channel on NSPF where a cable was laid and it is now a trip hazard. W Berks to be contacted to make good.

Cllr Gallop asked whether Cllr Macro had progressed extending the path on NSPF to North Walk.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.40pm

Signed.....Dated.....

