

NUTHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 'virtual' Open Spaces & General Maintenance Committee meeting,
held on 23rd September 2020, commencing 7.30pm

Present: Cllr J Mercer (Chairman) Cllr O Hydes (OBE)
Cllr N Bryant Cllr D Livingstone (Vice Chairman)
Cllr J Chaytor Cllr T Nelson
Cllr D Harber

The Clerk to the Parish Council, Sarah Hall, and one member of the public also attended the meeting.

OS014-19/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that there were no apologies for absence. Cllr R Cato was absent from the meeting.

OS015-20/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest, as defined under the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Councils Code of Conduct, were made.

OS016-20-21 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the [Open Spaces & General Maintenance Committee](#) meeting held on 15th July 2020 be confirmed as a true correct record and be recommended for approval to the Full Parish Council (unanimously approved).

OS017-20/21 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS – none.

OS018-20/21 PUBLIC SESSION

A Mannings Heath resident advised that local residents have monitored the village green for many years and have made sure that the public adhere to the byelaws. There have previously been incidents of anti-social behaviour and parking on the green and the published byelaws assist with alleviating the situation. For continued co-operation the resident's public spirit needs to be appreciated.

The Chairman of the Open Spaces and General Maintenance Committee (OS&GM) commented that the Parish Council would take on board the comment.

OS019-20/21 MANNINGS HEATH VILLAGE GREEN

i) Children's play area

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** two suppliers have visited the play area and one quotation has been received. The quotation provides ideas and possibilities for the site. A third supplier will attend on 24th September. Outside gym equipment has been suggested for the opposite side of the green. Engagement with residents and children also needs to be considered.

ii) Gale Tree Consultancy report

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the tree survey was carried out on 17th September 2020, the Clerk has not yet received the report and this will be included on the next agenda.

iii) Licences for benches on the Village Green

Two organisations within the parish have offered to donate benches for use by the public on the village green. The members discussed whether the Parish Council should continue to issue licences or, after installation, include the benches on the Parish Council's asset register.

Standing Orders suspended between 7.45 - 7.47pm and 7.50 – 7.51pm

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to the Full Parish Council that the policy is changed and after installation the benches will be included on the Parish Councils asset register (installation costs to be paid for by donating organisation).

OS020-20/21 GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF PARISH ASSETS

- i) [Annual Asset Assessment](#)
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that there were no updates, actions will be undertaken when the 2020/21 assessment is completed. Cllr J Chaytor and the Clerk volunteered to clean the bus shelters.
- ii) [Parish Council 2020 Annual Asset Check](#)
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that Cllr N Bryant and the Clerk will carry out the annual asset check in October 2020.
- iii) [Maintenance Issues](#)
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the finial on the village gateway in Monks Gate has been replaced FOC by the supplier Vinyl Fencing.
- iv) [Recruitment of volunteers](#)
It was **RESOLVED** to ask MoGRA, the Nuthurst Society and the Millenium group if members would be willing to assist with maintenance issues in the parish, a request will also be included in the Parish Councils Link article.

OS021-20/21 FUTURE PROJECTS

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that each Councillor had been asked to respond to Cllr O Hydes with their Parish Plan priorities by 25th September 2020. The Chairman of the OS&GM committee suggested that items 7 and 8 could be deleted and that the byelaws and children's play area needed updating.

- i) [Facilities for older children](#)
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that there was no update and the item would remain on the agenda.
- ii) [Monks Gate pond](#)
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that Denton Homes will become less involved and that the maintenance will soon be organised by the management committee. The Chairman of the OS&GM committee commented that the Parish Council would like to be kept updated and would offer assistance if required.
- iii) [Open Spaces in the Parish](#)
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that there was no update.

OS0022-20/21 MINOR MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS TO BE REFERRED TO ON THE NEXT AGENDA;

OS019-20/21ii Gale Tree Consultancy Report

OS021-20/21iii Open Spaces in the Parish – proposal for a bench on the green in between Church Road and Lime Kiln Road, near the entrance to Woodlands Walk.

OS023-20/21 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the next meeting of the Open Spaces & General Maintenance Committee will be held on 21 October 2020.

The meeting closed at 20.11pm

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Chairman of the Open Spaces & General
Maintenance Committee

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