

NUTHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 'virtual' Open Spaces & General Maintenance Committee meeting,
held on 21st October 2020, commencing 8.00

Present: Cllr N Bryant
Cllr R Cato
Cllr J Chaytor
Cllr D Harber (Vice Chairman)

Cllr O Hydes (OBE)
Cllr D Livingstone
Cllr T Nelson

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

In the absence of the Chairman and a Vice Chairman of the Open Spaces and General Maintenance Committee Cllr O Hydes, the Chairman of the Parish Council, asked if the committee members were in agreement for him to chair the meeting until the Vice Chairman is elected.

It was **RESOLVED** for Cllr O Hydes to chair the meeting until the election of the Vice Chairman.

OS024-19/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** Cllr J Mercer's apologies for absence.

OS025-20/21 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE OPEN SPACES AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr D Harber be elected Vice Chairman of the Open Spaces and General Maintenance Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year. **PROPOSED** by Cllr N Bryant and **SECONDED** by Cllr J Chaytor.

The vice chair of the Open Spaces and General Maintenance Committee then chaired the meeting.

OS026-20/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

OS027-20-21 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the [Open Spaces & General Maintenance Committee](#) meeting held on 23rd September 2020 be confirmed as a true correct record and be recommended for approval to the Full Parish Council (unanimously approved).

OS028-20/21 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was **NOTED** that the Vice Chairman of the Open Spaces and General Maintenance Committee did not make any announcements.

OS029-20/21 PUBLIC SESSION

It was **NOTED** that no one present in the public forum wished to speak.

OS030-20/21 MANNINGS HEATH VILLAGE GREEN

- i) [Children's play area](#)
Cllr D Livingstone had prepared a briefing note and this had been circulated to the committee members before the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE**;

- Three suppliers have visited the play area and provided quotations
- Individual pieces of equipment can be looked into if the cost of updating all of the equipment in the play area is prohibitive
- Parishioners and children need to be consulted (survey)
- Need to ascertain what monies are available
- Funds to be 'ring fenced' for the project
- Grant applications can take between 6-12 months, enquiries will start to be made on the availability of grant funding

ii) Gale Tree Consultancy report

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Full Parish Council that the quotations from Gale Tree Consultancy (7747 & 7748) for the remedial works (£1,990.00) and decay evaluation (£150.00) to Parish Council maintained trees in the parish are **ACCEPTED**.

iii) Locations for benches on the Village Green

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Full Parish Council that the Clerk contacts the Parish Community Group and asks for confirmation on the number, the proposed locations and method of securing the picnic benches to the village green. The Cricket Club will also be asked if they have any observations on the proposed locations.

OS031-20/21 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.

ii) Maintenance Issues

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that there were no updates.

iii) Recruitment of volunteers

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Full Parish Council that details will be included in the November edition of the Link and on the Parish Councils Facebook page. MoGRA, the Nuthurst Society and the Millennium group will also be asked if members are willing to assist with maintenance issues in the parish.

OS032-20/21 FUTURE PROJECTS

i) Facilities for older children

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the companies who quoted for updating the children's play were also asked to quote for keep fit equipment. The proposed location will be on the corner of the green next to Greens Lane. The proposal will be included in the Parish Survey.

ii) Monks Gate pond

The Coolhurst Close Management Committee have appointed three directors and that there is uncertainty as to whether Denton Homes are still involved. Having been neglected for a number of years the pond is in a dismal state and should ideally be cleared during the autumn.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Full Parish Council that the matter is brought to the Management Committees attention and to suggest that MoGRA could possibly help with the maintenance/clearance of the pond.

- iii) Bench on the green between Church Road and Lime Kiln Road
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Full Parish Council that a location has been identified for a bench in Mannings Heath. This will be mentioned in the December edition of the Link.
- iv) Open space behind Woodlands Walk
Despite a number of emails being sent to HDC Parks Department the Clerk has still not received any response.
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Full Parish Council that a letter is written to the Director of Community Services explaining that the Parish Council have not received any response to emails going back to the beginning of the year.
- v) Open Spaces in the Parish
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that there was no further update.

OS033-20/21 MINOR MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS TO BE REFERRED TO ON THE NEXT AGENDA;

It was **NOTED** that the committee members did not request for any items to be included on the next agenda.

OS034-20/21 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the next meeting of the Open Spaces & General Maintenance Committee will be held on 25th November 2020.

The meeting closed at 20.39pm

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Vice Chairman of the Open Spaces & General
Maintenance Committee

Date