

NUTHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Councils Open Spaces & General Maintenance Committee meeting,
held on 2nd September 2021, commencing 8.02pm

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

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

OS015-21/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** Cllr T Nelson's and Cllr W Ingrams apologies for absence. Cllr R Cato was absent.

OS016-21/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

OS017-21/22 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the [Open Spaces & General Maintenance Committee](#) meeting held on 27th January 2021 be confirmed as a true correct record and be recommended for approval to the Full Parish Council (unanimously approved) after the following amendment was made:

OS009-21/22 ii) c)

A plan to request from HDC permission for the Parish Council to undertake a project to support Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee (Treebilee) by planting a small number of trees on the field behind Woodlands Walk and the provision of a picnic area. This would be to keep the character and current uses of the field and encourage enjoyment of the field by the community.

OS018-21/22 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman did not make any announcements.

OS019-21/22 PUBLIC SESSION

A Mannings Heath resident made the following statement;

'Good evening councillors I have been asked to represent 117 users and residents who voted in your 'have your say' survey - for you to abide by the survey results of 53% of residents in favour of leaving the Woodlands Walk Field 'as it is.'

According to the survey results - you have no mandate or public agreement to plant trees or install any other items on this field.

We are also extremely disappointed that you felt you had to issue a public notice stating there has been a 'misunderstanding?'

What misunderstanding - there is none it appears to be with you - on your leaflet you state 'Picnic Bench, but you have just amended the minutes to read 'Picnic Area.'

The above residents and those who voted in your survey on the Woodlands Walk Field open space are officially asking you to withdraw this project from your parish plans in accordance with the parish's survey results.

We request this statement is recorded in tonight's minutes and raised at the full meeting of Nuthurst Parish Council on the 15th September 2021.

Another Mannings Heath resident commented that the survey was commissioned to cover several items of interest and that Parish Council should be listening to the majority, 53% of the public who do not want any change in the field behind Woodlands Walk.

OS020-21/22 PARISH SURVEY

i) Updating the Children's Play Area

It was **RESOLVED** to make the following **RECOMMENDATION** to Full Parish Council: If possible, the committee would like to proceed with the full replacement of the children's play area and make an attempt to secure the funds. If this is unsuccessful the committee will look at the partial replacement of the equipment.

Cllr N Bryant volunteered to approach local businesses for funding.

ii) Field behind Woodlands Walk

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the Chairman of the Open Spaces and General Maintenance Committee remarked that a Arboriculturist had visited and given permission for trees to be planted in the field behind woodlands walk. (The Chairman has subsequently apologised for this mistake. In fact, a WSCC Arboriculturist visited Mannings Heath but gave permission for two trees to be planted outside the old village store).

OS021-21/22 MANNINGS HEATH VILLAGE GREEN

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the following update on the remedial actions to the children's play area following the June 2021 [RoSPA Report](#);

- Cllr N Bryant has replaced the latch on the gate
- The wet pour is lifting around the slide, the Clerk has contacted the supplier, Wickstead, re the wet pour being replaced under warranty
- The RoSPA report mentioned rust on the swings, this is not seen as an issue
- The RoSPA report mentioned the wet pour under the swings, this is coming away at the edges and it has been suggested the area should be extended. This will continue to be monitored whilst the designs/funding for the new play area continue to be worked on
- Horsham Fencing have been approached for a quotation to repair the fencing around the play area

OS022-21/22 GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF PARISH ASSETS

i) Annual Asset Assessment

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that nearly all of the remedial tasks have been undertaken by members and the [Annual Asset Assessment](#) has been updated

accordingly. The 2021/22 Asset Assessment will need to be carried out in the autumn. This will be included on the agenda of the next Full Parish Council meeting.

ii) **Recruitment of volunteers**

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that there was no update.

OS023-21/221 MINOR MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS TO BE REFERRED TO ON THE NEXT AGENDA;

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

OS014-21/22 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the next meeting of the Open Spaces & General Maintenance Committee will be held on 2nd December 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm

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Chairman of the Open Spaces & General
Maintenance Committee

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