

Minutes of the Footpaths & Allotments Committee Meeting

Held on 5th December 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bush Room

Present: - Cllrs. Marcus Fry (Chairman), Paul Caddick (PC) David Morgan (DM), Anne Curtis (AC), Denis Sanigar (DS) (AAA), Graham Smith (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Alison Peters (AP).

2. Evacuation Procedures

Evacuation procedures were noted

3. Public Participation

None

4. Declaration of interests

None

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

5.1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th September 2016

16.068 Resolved: The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2016 were agreed and signed by the chairman.

5.2. Matters arising –
None

5.3 Outstanding Actions -
None

6. Budget

(Clerk) presented to Cllrs the proposed budget for 2017/18 and the current allotment charges. (Clerk) informed Cllrs that the National Minimum wage was due to increase by 30p as from 1st April 2017 and hence a slight increase to the cemetery caretaker salary. Clerk informed Cllrs that the localism charges would remain as per the previous year.

(AC) proposed that the committee accept the 2017/18 budget as presented by (Clerk). (PC) seconded the proposal and all Cllrs unanimously agreed.

16.069 Resolved: The F & A committee accept the 2017/18 budget as presented by (Clerk).

(MF) requested that Cllrs consider the current allotment charges and whether they require revising. After due consideration from Cllrs it was agreed that allotment charges would remain the same for 2017/18. (PC) proposed that allotment charges remain unaltered. (AC) second the proposal and Cllrs unanimously agreed.

16.070 Resolved: Allotment charges remain unaltered for 2017/18.

7. Allotments

(DS) informed Cllrs that there had been no AAA meetings since October but did inform the committee that plot 25 is now vacant. (Clerk) expressed his concern to the AAA that this information had not been passed on to him and that the plot holder had not formally served notice to (Clerk) and that the vacant plot can not be occupied until formal notice had been received.

(Clerk) informed AAA / Cllrs that he had received a request from the occupier of plot 29 that they wished to terminate their own occupancy of the plot but also to pass this on to a family member.

(Clerk) expressed concern that should this be approved then there would be an opportunity for “queue jumping” if there were a waiting list for allotments. Cllrs / AAA agreed that this should not be allowed however, in the circumstances that, in this case, the family member is the next (and only) person on the waiting list that permission be granted.

(MF) reminded (DS) that Ecotricity Grants will become available for “Green” projects. (Clerk) confirmed that any community group should make their applications direct to Ecotricity but would be available to assist if required.

(Clerk) informed Cllrs and AAA of the Youth Centre open morning on Sunday 15th January where it was requested that both organisations set up a stall or maintain a presence at the event.

8. Footpaths

(MF) informed Cllrs that a new footpath has been cut around the boggy area of the Broiling Wells footpath / bridle path and requested that (Clerk) enquire whether this was the work of SGC and if not to make SGC aware that this has been done.

FP161205-1: Contact SGC to ascertain whether they are aware of the alterations at the Broiling Wells Footpath.

Action to (Clerk)

9. Bus Shelters.

(Clerk) informed Cllrs that the upgrade of Bus Shelters within the Parish had not started in September as he was led to believe but alternatively was given a list of completion dates.

Washingpool Hill NB, Washingpool Hill SB, Alveston Church NB; - June 2017
Rudgeway Park NB, Church Road SB, Masons Arms NB, Davids Lane SB, Ship Inn NB, Ship in SB - December 2017

10. Street Care

(Clerk) reminded Cllrs of the information which was previously distributed relating to notice that was given by South Gloucestershire District Council that they intend to close, temporarily, to vehicles that length of Greenhill which extends from a point 63 metres north of its junction with the A38 Gloucester Road in a northerly direction for a distance of 72 metres. The order is required in connection with Works and will be operative from the 13 February 2017 for a maximum period of eighteen months. The closure however may not be implemented for the whole of the period but only for so long as is necessitated by the works which are anticipated to be of 12 DAYS in duration.

(PC) commented that the dog bins were in use very effectively and the positioning of the bins were ideally placed.

11. Website

(MF) requested that information relating to Bus Shelter upgrades be placed upon Alveston.org

12. Correspondence

None

13. Any other business

(PC) recommended that the issue raised at the previous meeting relating to parking on the pavement outside St Helens School be raised at the Community Engagement Forum.

Meeting ended at 20.20pm.

**The next meeting of the Footpaths & Allotments Committee is on
Monday 6th March 2017 at 7.30pm.**