

Gnosall Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held of the Open Spaces Committee Held on Monday 19 July 2010 7.30pm

Present:	Cllr T Simkin, in the Chair	Cllr Deegan
	Cllr R Greatrex	Cllr Willetts
	Cllr S Wallis	Cllr Tomkinson
	Cllr Haycock	Cllr Cook
	Jayne Cooper, Clerk	

	<p>Public Open Forum</p> <p>A positive comment was received regarding the article in the Newport Advertiser about the new wildflower meadow and leaflet.</p> <p>A further comment was made about the last time Doley Brook was cleared in May 2005 and that the Parish Council must be concerned about the acquisition of additional land currently owned by Severn Trent. Cllr Simkin replied that this would be covered in discussion later in the meeting.</p>	
1	<p>To receive apologies, record absences and welcome new members to the committee.</p> <p>Apologies had been received from Cllr Booth.</p>	
2	<p>To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 7 June</p> <p>The minutes were proposed, seconded and agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
3	<p>To consider any matters arising from the minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moreton Bench – plaque now on bench. • BTCV had being contacted again regarding voluntary work. • The tenant who was using his allotment inappropriately had been given notice and a new tenant had taken over the plot. • Everyone on the waiting list had now been offered an allotment. • The Allotment Association had not yet replied regarding the compost area. • SBC had been written to twice regarding handing over grass cutting responsibilities to GPC. • Streetscene had been contacted regarding the untidiness of their grass cutting and replied confirming they can not collect the grass after cutting. • English Heritage would be carrying out maintenance work on the Lock up, keeping GPC informed. • Quotes for the resurfacing of the park were still awaited. 	
4	<p>To receive an update regarding the flood plain project and agree the way forward</p> <p>Cllr Greatrex confirmed he had made good progress on determining land ownership and was now waiting for the Chair of the Flood Plain Group, Mr Titley, to complete this task. Disappointment was expressed that this task had not progressed as planned.</p> <p>The Clerk explained that she had been in touch with Severn Trent Water regarding the land and would continue to pursue this. She had also communicated with Central Networks regarding land to the rear of the</p>	Clerk

	<p>sub station on Station Road. Central Networks had said they would be happy to lease some land for GPC's project subject to seeing the plans and obtaining further information from GPC to satisfy themselves that the project would not pose any danger. Cllrs Deegan and Greatrex offered to meet with Central Networks. The Clerk to arrange.</p> <p>The Clerk had been requested at the last Council meeting to write to Gnosall United Charities expressing an interest in leasing land adjacent to the allotments, when the current lease expires.</p> <p>Cllr Deegan had received up to date information from Mr Matt Jones from Staffordshire Wildlife regarding funding. It was reported that although funds for this project had officially run out in April, about £5000 had been kept aside for this project but is only available until September 2010.</p> <p>Various options were considered but it was felt the most sensible approach would be to wait until additional land is secured to allow some allotments to be relocated to enable the area prone to flooding to be incorporated into the wetland project. This was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>The brook was discussed briefly. The parish council is anxious to address the matter of clearing its section of the brook but awaits information and cooperation from the flood plain working group. Cllr Deegan commented on the past management of the brook and how this had contributed to its current state.</p> <p>Discussions then focussed on the pond within The Acres and its future management. The Handyman to be asked to cut back some of the vegetation to enable the warning sign to be clearly visible. Cllr Cook offered to arrange for the pond to be cleared in the Autumn.</p> <p>Cllr Simkin said she would like a detailed plan to be put together to incorporate all Open Space works including the wetland project, brook, The Acres and pond management). Cllr Deegan agreed to update his report that was prepared in 2008 and then circulate it to Committee Members. This report would form the basis of an Open Spaces plan.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
5	<p>To consider any maintenance requirements including an update on</p> <p>Park – weekly inspections by The Handyman had shown that some minor repairs had been necessary and had been carried out.</p> <p>Lock Up – covered under Matters Arising.</p>	
6	<p>To receive any correspondence received in relation to Open Spaces</p> <p>At a previous meeting a letter had been received informing Council that dogs are entering the play park which is not allowed. The Clerk was asked to arrange suitable replacement signage.</p>	Clerk
7	<p>To confirm the time and date for the next meeting</p> <p>6 September 2010</p>	
8	<p>To consider a quotations for replacement notice boards</p> <p>Consideration was given to a quotation for two replacement notice boards for the High Street and Newport Road.</p>	

Confidential Appendix

Quotations for notice boards

Consideration was given to a quotation received from Joinery (Stafford) Ltd for two replacement notice boards for the High Street and Newport Road at a cost of £1080.00 + VAT each

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to accept the quote. The Clerk to respond.