

ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, 15a RYTON ROAD, NORTH ANSTON ON THURSDAY 23rd JANUARY 2020

Present: Councillors Jonathan Ireland (Chairman), Philip Bowers, Diane Graham, Clive Jepson, Myles Manship and Marie Wilkinson.

In Attendance: Chris Pilkington (Clerk to the Council), Cllr Glyn Prendergast and three members of the public.

1.20 APOLOGIES

No apologies or reasons for absence had been received from members of the committee not present.

2.20 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

(a) TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 31 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT INTERESTS UNDER THE MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no disclosures.

(b) TO RECEIVE AND DECIDE UPON REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS TO COUNCILLORS TO TAKE PART IN DISCUSSIONS AND VOTES WHERE THEY HAVE DECLARED DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no requests for dispensations.

3.20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 24th OCTOBER 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

4.20 LAND MANAGEMENT MATTERS

(a) REVISION OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ANSTON STONES WOOD AND NEIGHBOURING GRASSLAND

The Clerk reported that at its meeting on 18th November 2019 the Parish Council had approved the recommendation of the Open Spaces Committee to appoint MRB Ecology and Environment to carry out the review of the management plan. Further to this the ecologist had started that work.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Committee.

(b) RECENT TREE SURVEY OF ANSTON STONES WOOD AND REVISED TREE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Clerk reported that he was in the process of implementing the recommendations of the tree management strategy by identifying training for staff and obtaining quotes for the works to trees identified.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Committee.

(c) CONDITION OF ANSTON BROOK

The Clerk reported that due to severe weather in November a tree on one of the banks of the brook in Anston Stones Wood had fallen on to the railway lane causing damage to a train. Network Rail had indicated that they may bring a claim against the Council as a result. The tree in question had not been identified as one requiring work to it in the tree survey carried out in the Autumn. Further to the incident the Clerk had asked ADAS to visit the site again and identify any actions required to trees along the brook.

RESOLVED: That this be noted, the recommendations made by ADAS implemented and an update provided to the next meeting of the Committee.

(d) PLANNED MAINTENANCE WORK BY NETWORK RAIL IN ANSTON STONES WOOD

The Clerk informed the Committee that Network Rail were planning some works to a bridge running through the wood. The ecologist and he had met the contractor concerned to discuss how the works would be carried out.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Committee.

(e) TREE SURVEYS OF PARISH COUNCIL MAINTAINED LAND

The Clerk explained that tree surveys were due on land owned by the Council other than Anston Stones Wood and that he was liaising with RMBC for the surveys to be done.

RESOLVED: That this be noted and an update provided to the next meeting of the Committee.

(f) EXTRA SIGNAGE WITHIN ANSTON STONES WOOD

Cllr Manship had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda. He felt the SSSI and Nature Reserve would benefit from some additional and suitable signage.

RESOLVED: That the proposal be supported in principle and Cllr Manship bring proposals for content and locations to the next meeting of the Committee.

(g) PROPOSAL FOR A COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Cllr Manship had asked for this item to be added to the agenda and he put forward the idea of a community orchard. A discussion took place and it was noted that when apple trees had been planted in the past they had been stolen.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Manship bring more detailed proposals to a future meeting of the Committee. .

5.20 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

There were no items for the agenda additional to those discussed earlier on in the meeting.

6.20 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Committee take place in Thursday 23rd April 2020 (8pm) at Anston Parish Hall.

Chris Pilkington PSLCC
Clerk to Anston Parish Council
24th January 2020