

ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, 15a RYTON ROAD, NORTH ANSTON ON THURSDAY 24th OCTOBER 2019

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

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

16.19 APOLOGIES

Apologies for the meeting and a reason for absence from it were received from Cllr Stuart Thornton.

RESOLVED: That the reason for absence of Councillor Thornton be approved.

17.19 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

Cllr Ireland declared an interest in agenda item 5(b).

(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.

18.19 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 25th JULY 2019

It was noted that Cllr Bentley was listed as having given apologies for the meeting when he was not actually a member of the Committee.

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

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

The Clerk presented a quote from MRB Ecology and Environment to revise the management plan for Anston Stones Wood and neighbouring grassland. It was noted that the Committee did not have spending powers and so could not make the appointment itself.

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to a meeting of the full Council that MRB Ecology and Environment be engaged to revise the management plan for Anston Stones Wood and neighbouring grassland.

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

The Clerk presented the recent tree survey of and revised tree management strategy for Anston Stones Wood produced by ADAS.

RESOLVED: That the findings of the survey be accepted, and the revised management strategy be adopted by the Council and implemented.

(c) MANAGEMENT OF VILLAGE GREEN AT NORTH ANSTON

The Clerk gave a report on the management of the village green following concerns raised by residents about car parking, dog waste and the preservation of biodiversity. He reminded the Council of its duty under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 to conserve biodiversity.

RESOLVED: That this be noted, and the management of the village green be delegated to the Clerk.

(d) REQUEST FOR A MEMORIAL BENCH ON PARISH COUNCIL MAINTAINED LAND

The Clerk reported a request from a family to place a memorial bench somewhere on Parish Council owned land.

RESOLVED: That the request be agreed to subject to the family paying for the bench and its installation and agreeing a suitable location for it with the Clerk. The Parish Council would maintain the bench after its installation.

(e) ONGOING PROBLEMS WITH OFF ROAD AND QUAD BIKING ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

The Chairman reported on ongoing problems with off road and quad biking in Anston Stones Wood and elsewhere such as just off Ryton Road.

RESOLVED: That this be noted, and future incidents reported to the police.

(f) CONTROL OF INVASIVE SPECIES ON PARISH COUNCIL MAINTAINED LAND

It was felt that this issue could be picked up as part of the revision of the management plan of Anston Stones Wood and neighbouring grassland discussed earlier.

RESOLVED: That the matter of the control of invasive species be included in the revised management plan for Anston Stones Wood and the neighbouring grassland.

(g) CROPPING OF RACKFORD MEADOW

The Clerk reported that he would be liaising with a land management company about generating income from cropping the field.

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

(h) POSSIBLE STABLING OF HORSES ON PARISH COUNCIL MAINTAINED LAND

The Clerk reported that he was still to investigate this matter.

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

20.19 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the possible creation of a community orchard in Bibby's Field and the provision of extra signage within Anston Stones Wood be added to the agenda of the next meeting of the Committee.

21.19 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

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

Chris Pilkington PSLCC

Clerk to Anston Parish Council

22nd January 2020