

ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD ONLINE ON THURSDAY 29th OCTOBER 2020

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

In Attendance: Chris Pilkington (Clerk to the Council)

14.20 APOLOGIES

None.

15.20 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.

16.20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 30th JULY 2020

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

17.20 ANSTON STONES WOOD SSSI/NATURE RESERVE

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

The Clerk updated members on progress revising the management plan and that a final draft document would be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

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

(b) IMPLEMENTATION OF TREE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Clerk reported that he and the members of the grounds staff had attended tree inspection training since the last meeting and that work progressing other aspects of the strategy was continuing.

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

(c) PROVISION OF EXTRA SIGNAGE WITHIN ANSTON STONES WOOD

Cllr Manship put forward proposals to increase the provision of signage within the wood.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Manship liaise with the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to obtain quotes for additional signage.

(d) HALLOWEEN TRAIL THROUGH ANSTON STONES WOOD

The Clerk reported that he had given permission to RMBC to put on a Halloween Trail for children through the wood.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

18.20

OTHER LAND MANAGEMENT MATTERS

(a) TREE SURVEYS OF OTHER PARISH COUNCIL MAINTAINED LAND

The Clerk reported that a company had been engaged to produce tree surveys of other sites managed by the Parish Council and a report was awaited.

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

(b) CHANGES TO THE DOG BIN EMPTYING SCHEDULE RACKFORD MEADOW

The Clerk reported that RMBC had undertaken to empty the dog waste bin at Rackford Meadow twice a week rather than once a week. Cllrs Ireland and Jepson undertook to look into the possibility of RMBC replacing the bin with a larger version.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

(c) PROPOSAL FOR A COMMUNITY ORCHARD IN BIBBY'S FIELD

Cllr Manship spoke to his proposal for a community orchard in Bibby's Field.

RESOLVED: That the proposal be supported in principle and further information be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.

(d) HEDGEHOG FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The Clerk reported that further to a presentation a resident had given to the Parish Council at its September meeting he had obtained stickers from the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) to put on strimmers and other equipment used by the Council. The Council would be added to the list of local authorities and other bodies on the BHPS website who were using the stickers.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

19.20 ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

None.

20.20 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Committee take place via Zoom on Thursday 28th January 2021 at 7pm.

Chris Pilkington PSLCC

Clerk to Anston Parish Council

30th October 2020