



HEADCORN PARISH COUNCIL


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Minutes of the Parish Council Open Spaces Committee Meeting held in the Green Room at the Village Hall on Wednesday 20th July 2022 at 7pm.

Those present: Cllrs Glanfield, Mather, Hammond, Gearing and Thomas.

Clerk: Stefan Christodoulou

There were no parishioners present.

1. 
 - a. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs ~~Thomas~~ and Oates sent their apologies.
 - b. **To seek notification on whether anyone intends to film, photograph or record any items of this meeting:** There were none recorded.
 - c. **Declaration of changes to the register of interests:** There were none recorded.
 - d. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or other interests:** There were none recorded.
 - e. **Requests for Dispensations:** There were none recorded.
 - f. **Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none recorded.
2. Public session. (Minute book closed.)
3. **The minutes of the last meeting held on 16th May 2022** - These were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters arising from the last meeting.**
 - Stock of old flower baskets** – Still trying to work out what to do with these. Will be put in a skip next time we hire one.
 - Schematic Maps for Open Spaces** - It was felt that the open spaces in the village would benefit from small schematic maps detailing what is there and how to get to each of the other Open Spaces in the Village. This could be further enhanced by wildlife information and things to do at each place. The Clerk's office is sourcing the exact type of signage required.
 - To discuss the Bylaws and agree next steps** – New Bylaws were needed to tighten and modernise "laws" for access and use of HPC green spaces. Cllr Glanfield had reviewed the Byelaws as agreed and several small typographical errors were corrected and the committee agreed to the adoption of the said byelaws. The Clerks will now take the matter forward, which will involve steps prior to seeking approval of the Byelaws by the Secretary of State. The Clerks will keep the committee advised of progress.
 - Creation of a wildlife area with logs** - This will be carried out by the Lengthsmen later this year. Partially completed. To be finished after the tree survey works finished.



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To discuss if the Committee is generally in favour of putting some bollards around Day Green to stop unauthorised access by vehicles - This was discussed and although it would not be anyone's first choice it was felt that in the interests of public safety and to stop irresponsibly dangerous individuals from driving across the green the Committee would be in favour of sympathetic bollards being placed around the perimeter of the green as long as the Days Green Trustees were also in favour. Still waiting for the go ahead from the Days Green trustees.

To discuss allowing some green spaces or parts of green spaces to rewild - It was agreed that for any places that could be left to be "wild" would fall under the Clerk's and Lengthsmen's discretion and they would be applied where it was expedient to do so. To be discussed with The Lengthsmen.

5. **To receive a Budget Analysis report.**
The budget was reviewed. No further action is required.
6. **To receive correspondence and action as necessary.**
No correspondence that is separate from the agenda items.
7. **To discuss the idea of flower planters on Days Green along the Kings Road side.**
It was agreed that this would be a lovely addition to Days Green as long as the Days Green Committee also gave it the ok.
8. **To discuss the placement of a Liquid Amber tree on Days Green to honour the Lengthsmen on behalf of a parishioner and a memorial cherry tree on Parsonage Meadow.**
The assorted trees were agreed and this will be handed off to the Lengthsmen to plant.
9. **To discuss the placement of a couple of extra bins and a couple of extra benches on days green.**
It was agreed that this would be a good addition to Days Green as long as the Days Green Committee also gave it the ok.
10. **To discuss replacement bins at Foremans car park.**
It was agreed that this would be a good addition to Foremans Walk as long as the Henry Lloyd-Roberts also gave it the ok.
11. **To discuss winter flowers for the planters (bearing in mind we would be paying for them this time).**
After a brief discussion it was decided that winter flowers are both not good value for money but also hold up the replacement of the summer flowers for the following year, therefore, we will not be having them this year.




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12. **To discuss if the entrance to Hoggs Green needs to be replaced and the ditch in front of the Hoggs Green and Allotments needs digging out.**
It was felt that it is our duty to dig out the ditches along our properties to avoid contributing to flooding in this area. The entrance to Hoggs Green also needs renewing as it looks very worn.
13. **To discuss additional bins for open spaces one double bin for Hoggs and a double for Parsonage Meadows.**
Given the addition of the well-received picnic tables at both these locations we might do well to include some new larger bins to accommodate more rubbish generated in the picnic areas.
14. **Village Inspection Walk Report from last walk.**
Issues Arising and any actions to be taken: - None
Date of next walk: - Tuesday 13th September at 1.30pm.
15. **Any other business.**
It was brought up that Days Green has a sign but that none of our other Greens do can we install signs for all our Greens. It was also brought up that some of the council would like to investigate the possibility of a large permanent gazebo on either Days green or Parsonage meadow. A further possibility is a dog agility course on Parsonage Meadow. Clerk will investigate all these ideas.

There being no other matters for discussion the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed.....

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