



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 23rd November 2022 at 7pm.

Those present: Cllrs Mather, Glanfield, Sexton, Gearing.

Clerk: Stefan Christodoulou

There were no parishioners present.

1.

- a. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Thomas and Hammond.
- 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 28th September 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. To be removed from minutes hereafter.

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.

Bylaws and 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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Putting some safety 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 safety bollards being placed around the perimeter of the green. Days Green Trustees were also in favour.

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.

Flower planters for Days Green.

It was agreed that the look and design of the planters was perfect and that the committee very much looks forward to them being completed and in situ.

Memorial bench for Queen Elisabeth II.

It was agreed that this would be a good use of \$106 funds and the Clerk's Office will drive this forward with some suggestions of type of bench etc for the Committee to decide on a final design.

5. **To receive a Budget Analysis report.**
The budget was reviewed.
6. **To receive correspondence and action as necessary.**
No correspondence.
7. **To discuss drainage of Hoggs Green and what should/can be done for it.**
Hoggs Green gets waterlogged during the winter and the side of the river does have piped leading out of the surface and into the river. So we think it used to have drainage. We have asked Browns Drainage to have a look at the field with us to ascertain what can be done with/about it.
8. **To discuss quote from Treecycle for works on Parsonage Meadow and Graveyard.**
Treecycle have issued us a quote of £1104 to do the remedial tree works on Parsonage Meadow, this will allow us to take down the 3 dying trees and replace them with a flowering cherry and two English cherries.
9. **To review and adopt the following Headcorn Parish Council policies, statements, or procedures.**
 - **Open Spaces Policies – Trees.**
There were no amendments or comments and the Policy has been readopted.



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14. Village Inspection Walk Report from last walk.

Issues Arising and any actions to be taken: - None

Date of next walk: - This will be decided over WhatsApp the week before the 7th to 11th in time for the 16th January 2023 meeting.

15. Any other business.

CLlr Glanfield asked if the insurance covered the Lengthsmen going beyond the Village boundary. The Clerks Office will investigate this.

There being no other matters for discussion the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed..... Date.....

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