

**WINCANTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON**  
**MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016 IN THE TOWN HALL**

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**PRESENT:** Councillors Ellard, Hearne, Vagg, Hibberd, Walters, Cook, Tudgay and D Smith.

Also in attendance: Councillors Rodgers and Vallance, who did not vote.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public.

**5751 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Wray

Councillor Ellard chaired the meeting.

**5752 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

As Councillor Ellard is a member of the Cricket Club who use the recreation ground he declared an interest. Councillor Cook declared an interest in reporting of faults and concerns (Crestmoor sponsored roundabout)

**5753 RECREATION GROUNDS**

Coneygore – Nothing to report.

Penn View – New no dogs allowed signs have been installed at the play area, due to the removal by an unknown.

Cale Park – The Clerk talked about the arrangements made with the security firm hired to patrol Cale Park during the installation of the new equipment. The Clerk had a quote from a local builder to carry out the refurbishment of the maintenance garage. Committee agreed to recommend to Full Council, the work is carried out as soon as possible.

Skatepark – The “Use at your own risk” sign had been removed by an unknown. A new one was installed last week.

**5754 CEMETERY AND GRAVEYARD**

2 burials this month.

**5755 REPORTING OF FAULTS AND CONCERNS**

The Clerk briefed the committee on the removal of 2 abandoned cars at the Memorial Hall.

Councillor Rodgers mentioned the hedge on the footpath on Moor Lane.

Councillor Cook informed the committee about Crestmoor’s plans to re-design the roundabout near Lidl supermarket. The Clerk agreed to write to the MD to thank him.

**5756 ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk has issued a notice to vacate to one of the allotment holders. 2 names remain on the waiting list.

Councillor’s Rodgers and Vagg carried out a site visit on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

**5757 BYELAW**

Councillor Ellard informed the committee on the recent information he had obtained. The option of using a byelaw to control dogs was removed in 2005 by the introduction of Dog Control Orders. There is a Dog Control Order put in place by SSDC that controls dog fouling, it does not cover anything else in Wincanton. Until 2014 the Town Council have used a supplementary DCO to control other matters such as access to the play area. However, there has been a further legislation change that results in the replacement of the DCO’s with Public Space Protection Orders. Existing DCO’s will novate to PSPO’s by 2017, SSDC are replacing theirs on a like for like basis. Town and Parish Councils cannot make PSPO’s, this is explicitly stated in the legislation. As Landowner, the Town Council can impose whatever rules it chooses so to do. The Clerk suggested setting a period of time to log any complaints regarding dog control at the recreation ground, to gather information for any future decision. Councillor Ellard suggested a 4 month period. On a proposal from Councillor Ellard, seconded by Councillor Hearne, committee agreed to the information gathering period.

**5758 ACTION LIST**

An updated action list was noted.

**5759 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Invitation to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School, thank you for the all-weather lawn 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016.
- b. The Clerks letter to PCC Sue Mountstevens.
- c. Somerset Waste Partnership Monthly Briefing.
- d. Email regarding the Homecoming Parade 2009 and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Battle of the Somme.
- e. Thank you email from the MD of Crestmoor Construction.
- f. Email from Zac Greening regarding Wrixon View.
- g. Resignation from Rachel Humphreys.
- h. Request for more no drinking signs in the High Street from PCSO Sparkes.
- i. Information from CATCH for the painting of Hawkers Bridge.
- j. Request for funding from WTF.
- k. Email from Henshaw Inflatables confirming a donation to the Cale Park project.
- l. Email from Abpac confirming a donation to the Cale Park project.
- m. Somerset Towns Forum Conference – June 28<sup>th</sup> Bridgewater.
- n. Abandoned vehicles at the Memorial Hall removal.

**5760 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

None

The meeting ended at 8.45pm

Signed .....

Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016