

OWMBY BY SPITAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held via Zoom on April 19th 2021

PRESENT: Cllrs G. D. Crompton-Howe (Chairman), I Brooke, D Leah, D Mellor and the clerk

36/21 Apologies for absence – None

37/21 Reports from County & District Councilor's & Police, if present

Nothing from the councilors

Police

- 1 Incident – Suspicious Activity
- Incidents with dogs running free on the field continue to be challenged by councilors and residents. Potential to introduce a by-law for the field regarding dog fouling\dogs running free on the field was discussed. Suggest to prepare a joint agreement with NPC 'asking' the public to comply with the notices. Highlighting the safety angle regarding children.

38/21 To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the 2011 Localism Act – None

39/21 Public Participation - None

40/21 To approve notes of the meeting held 24th March 2021 -

Resolved that the notes of the meeting be approved and signed as correct minutes of the meeting.

41/21 Matters arising from March meeting

Cemetery – Confirmation of working party not yet received from NPC. JH and AH have agreed to get together following their training to visit the cemetery to ensure records are up to date and accurate.

42/21 Community field and CPC update

Joint Statement – Synopsis of a meeting Ref offensive notices put up on the field held between RB, AH, GCH and JH. Items that generate strong feelings need to be dealt with jointly to nip things in the bud.

Noted that the Community Park Committee is made up of Normanby and Owmbly residents and anyone wanting to be part of the team can apply.

Bulling & Harassment policy should be looked at as a matter of priority in light of recent events. **JH to liaise with DL**

NPC survey should not ask questions about the Community Park as it only impacts half of the residents that use it - inappropriate. Practicalities of the leading questions haven't been looked at. The questions haven't been approved by those concerned. Items in the questions are picked from the 1 year plan. No context added to the questions to enable the understanding of why things are required – such as removal of the hedge. Should publish something on our website that sticks to the facts. Inaccuracies need highlighting. Whatever is decided as part of the survey would not

necessarily be enacted upon as agreement needs to be reached between Owmbly and Normanby collectively as the overseers of the Community Park Committee. It is not a children's playground it is a Community Park and should be available and have facilities for all residents.

CPC Business Plan

Resolved to accept the Community Park Business Plan

Prop – Danny Mellor

Secunder – Denise Leah

All in favour

CPC Annual Plan

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43/21 Website Matters

LCC want Parish Council website to be used a lot more. Would like photos on there.

Advertise in Signpost. Have a photo competition for photos to go on the web with a prize for the winner.

Photos of the Councilors should be on the web site along with a Who's Who. Contact details through the clerk

Set up a Facebook page to reach out to more residents as it's assumed that generally the public would not regularly visit the website.

Sort out a social media policy – **DL to investigate.**

Update Signpost with details

44/21 5 year plan.- Who\When

This year – achievable items.

Public Paths – up to date list of the paths – state they are in. Look at suitability for mobility scooters.

Bridle Paths – grants

Cemetery – JH then IB \ DL

Social Media – JH

Meet your councilor – all

Parish Notice board – Needs a coat of paint. Look at potential to move it to the entrance of the community field. Explore improving aesthetics and content.

Volunteering – compile a list of skills.

Wildlife Areas – research into areas to be left\sewn with wild flowers. planting. IB to chase up previous contact

Verges – who owns what – highways\private. Stretch opposite park on Normanby Road could be left for wildflower planting.

Roads and Signage – warning of horse riders, Uneven road surface warning coming in on Owmbly Cliff. - JH to contact Highways at the entrances near Carters and on Pump Hill. Children playing outside park.

Remaining items leave for future – item to remain on the agenda.

45/21 To resolve spending budget for village planters

£200 grant received from WLDC via Jeff Summers and is available to spend on the planters.

Need structural plants. What if someone steals \ vandalizes. Need to spread it out over the year. DM has a conifer to donate. IB suggests 2 –3 dwarf conifers in each planter. DL to purchase some from Wilko and look at the Cordylines. 2/3 permanent plants. 1/3 replenished. Councilor's to adopt one each for watering. Spend approx. £100 initially with a view to adding further in the autumn.

46/21 OPC Litter Picking Plans

Community Litter picking session on Sunday 24th April – 10am meeting at Community Park – about 10 volunteers so far. JH to chase WLDC for litter pickers. Purchase Hi Vis with “Owmbly Litter Pickers” - DM to look at cost of them. GCH to purchase 12 litter pickers for future use.

DL will provide cups of tea after on her lawn. IB will help.

DM will collect rubbish in trailer and leave up by A15. **JH to call WLDC** on Monday 25th requesting a collection.

47/21 Highways Matters

Ongoing Highgate Lane -

Potholes opposite Green Lane – **JH to Report.**

48/21 Parish Council bank account update

Andy Hopkins has received cheque book and statement despite change of address being dealt with.
- **GCH to arrange collection**

New accounts set up. New paperwork received. Waiting for switching balances.

49/21 Finance & accounts for payment-

Payments received- NPC x 2 (50% of costs for cemetery path and Rates)

Payments made between meetings-

C Wright £416.40, MKS £96.00, WLDC -Cemetery Rates £155.33

50/21 Planning-

Application Ref 142734 – Changing the foot print to plots 6 & 7 of the Lime Close

No objections, previous correspondence has referred to North of Fen Road, this time as Normanby Road, Owmbly By Spital. It's our understanding that this application is a minor adjustment to the foot print of the existing application. **JH to notify WLDC**

51/21 Date and time of next meeting – 11 May 2021 19:30

Meeting closed 21:45