

**Minutes of the Green & Open Spaces Committee Meeting of the Town Council
held on Tuesday 29th August 2023 at 7.00pm**

Present

St Michael's Ward
Cllr J Fotheringham

St Paul's Ward
Cllr K Cloke
Cllr S Craddock

In attendance

Heloise Marlow, Deputy Clerk

23/22/GOS Apologies for absence
None received

23/23/GOS Declarations of Interests
None

23/24/GOS Dispensations
There were no requests for, or grants of dispensations made by the Town Clerk in relation to the business of the meeting.

23/25/GOS Public Question Time for items on the agenda
None received.

23/26/GOS Minutes of the Green & Open Spaces Committee held on 19th June 2023
Committee RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Green and Open Spaces Committee held on 19th June 2023 as published and circulated with the agenda.
Proposed by Cllr Fotheringham and seconded by Cllr Cloke
For 2, Against 0, Abstentions 1.

23/27/GOS Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Inspections 2023/24
The Deputy Clerk presented her report and advised that she was still waiting to receive the updated P3 agreement from Devon County Council. In the meantime, the inspections were currently being carried out with reports to be sent into the office.
Committee **NOTED** the report.

23/28/GOS Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed
Cllr Cloke advised that members of the public who had expressed an interest in volunteering for the Council had confirmed that they would be willing to assist in locating the presence of Himalayan Balsam and

Japanese Knotweed. Once located the plants would need to be removed carefully and in accordance with regulations.

23/29/GOS The Woodland Trust – Offer of free trees/hedges

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that EDDC's Tree team had responded, and she was in discussions with them regarding possible planting locations. Cllr Cloke suggested using "what 3 words" to identify sites. The Deputy Clerk also suggested arranging site meetings.

Cllr Cloke put forward a further possible site at Old Elm Road. Whilst this is believed to be EDDC land it may be in Gittisham Parish.

Committee **NOTED** the report.

23/30/GOS Public Spaces Protection Order for Allhallows

Cllr Cloke that PCSO Darren England and Honiton Community College should also be invited to the proposed meeting with the Rugby Club.

At this stage Members suggested an on-line survey for the public consultation.

Committee RESOLVED unanimously to invite PCSO Darren England, Honiton Rugby Club and Honiton Community College to attend an initial meeting to discuss the public consultation to support an application to vary the Public Spaces Protection Order for Allhallows.

Proposed by Cllr Craddock and seconded by Cllr Cloke.

23/31/GOS Community Asset Transfer (CAT)

The Deputy Clerk invited Members to provide their responses to the questions listed in the expression of interest form which would then be collated. A copy of the completed form would be provided to Members prior to being sent to EDDC.

Committee **NOTED** the report.

23/32/GOS Green and Open Spaces Maintenance

Members **NOTED** the report.

Members requested an update regarding Roundball Wood and Dowell Street Corner to be provided at the next meeting. Members discussed using volunteers in the future.

23/33/GOS Riverside Walk

The Deputy Clerk advised that to date no response had been received from Merritt Homes. The Environment Agency had confirmed that they were very supportive of the project. However, they are requesting more

information with a map. It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would arrange for a walk around all the possible parts of the proposed walk. Committee **NOTED** the report.

23/34/GOS Replacement bridge at Oaklea
Committee **NOTED** the report

23/35/GOS To close the meeting
The meeting was closed at 7.40pm.