

Minutes of the meeting of Holbeach Parish Council, Open Spaces Committee, Tuesday 24th May 2022 at 17:00 at the Methodist Church Hall, Albert Walk, Holbeach

	In attendance	Apologies given
Holbeach Parish Council, Open Spaces Committee	Cllrs: M Murfet, R Flood, I Hutchinson, P Howden Clerk: Jan Hearsey Assistant Clerk: Karen Baxter	
Public including Councillors	Cllrs: S Hutchinson 1 member of the public	

Chair Cllr M Murfet opened the meeting at 17:00

OS-2022/3-001 Apologies for absence and reasons given
None

OS- 2022/3-002 Minutes of the previous meeting

It was **resolved** to agree the notes of the meeting of 25th April 2022 as minutes.

OS-2022/3-003 Declarations of interest. To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and to consider any requests for dispensations in respects of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in Agenda items
None

OS -2022/3-004 Clerks report

To receive a report from the Clerk – see appendix 1

OS-2022/3-005 Carters Park

- a) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree a way forward regarding the Medieval Event in that The Asst Clerk chase the organiser re number of marshals. Cllr R Flood will check the area and collect the key at the end of the event and return it to the Parish Office the next morning.
- b) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree the way forward regarding the toilets in Carters Park in that the Open Spaces team will jet wash them and then they will be opened between 08:00 and 15:00 Monday to Friday from mid July and just for the summer holidays. Metal grills will be placed over the doors to deter vandalism.

OS-2022/3-006 – Netherfield

- a) To receive an update on the trees – to be monitored

OS-2022/3-007 – Cemeteries

- a) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree the maintenance of the closed Churchyard – in that this item will be deferred until meetings have taken place with the LCC and PCC

OS-2022/3-008– Allotments

- a) To receive an update on the waiting list – The office are working through the list
b) It was **resolved** to agree to write to the outgoing tenant to ask for the plot to be tidied and to defer the decision to split plot 1a following the resignation of the tenant
c) It was discussed and **resolved** to defer the decision regarding the way forward for the area where the rubbish pile was until the next meeting so members can look at it

OS-2022/3-009 Nature Reserve –

- a) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree the way forward regarding the email received from a member of the public regarding trees – The Clerk to contact and explain they are not our trees

A member of Waddles Rescue was present and Cllr M Murfet invited him to speak. Agenda for next meeting to form sub-committee

OS-2022/3-010 Holbeach Bank – Clerk to chase up sign for “dogs on leads”

OS-2022/3-011 To discuss and resolve to agree to have bumble bee gardens on the Council’s bus stops

It was discussed and **resolved** to agree to look into other areas and consult with the wildlife trust

OS-2022/3-012 To receive an update on the mowers

Chase up repairs estimate for Kubota, proceed with the purchase of a zero turn

OS-2022/3-013 To discuss the grass cutting schedule – see appendix 2

OS-2022/3 014 To resolve to agree who will represent the committee at the work scheduling meeting – It was resolved that it will be whoever is available.

OS-2022/3-015 To discuss and resolve to agree how to spend the £500 bequeathed to the Parish Council

It was discussed and **resolved** to agree to propose to **Full Council** to purchase a round bench to go around tree at the centre of the Jubilee Garden

OS-2022/3-016 It was resolved to agree the next months’ work schedule – see appendix 3

OS-2022/3-017 To discuss and resolve the timetable for the picnic benches

It was discussed and **resolved** to agree that Cllr I Hutchinson will obtain prices for using gabion baskets as supports and make concrete tops and report back at the next meeting and that the benches in the Jubilee garden be moved to the teenage area.

OS- 2022/3-018 Items for discussion and agenda item requests.

- Sub-committee for Nature Reserve
- Long term plans for closed churchyard
- Watering of closed churchyard

OS- 2022/3-019 Confirm date and venue of next open spaces committee Meeting

- (a) It was **agreed** that the next meeting will be on Monday 20th June 2022 at 16:30 t Coubro Chambers

Open meeting closed at: 18.25

Closed meeting began at: 18:28

OS-2022/3-020 Trees – It was resolved to exclude the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

- a) It was **resolved** to agree to recommend to **Full Council** the contractor to carry out the tree survey to be the one with the lowest price

Meeting closed at: 18:31

Signed Chair.....Date.....

Appendix 1

Allotment inspection being done 24th May -went well

Meeting with the Police on Wednesday 18th May 2022, the police need every incidence of anti social behaviour reported to them.

More anti-social behaviour in the cemetery

The closed churchyard was adopted under the Open Spaces Act 1906 on 10/11/1953, the removal of headstone was sanctioned and the Parish Council took responsibility of turning the area in an open spaces. The County Council at the time gave their order to approve the Parish Councils application investing the Parish Council with the powers under the Open Spaces Act 1906. The closed churchyard is therefore an open space.

Appendix 2

Grass cutting schedule:

Mondays: Hall Gate & Holbeach St Johns

Tuesdays: Holbeach Hurn & Holbeach St Marks

Chair’s initials.....

Wednesdays: Netherfield's
Thursday/Friday: Holbeach Bank

Appendix 3

Work schedule - red = do now/ amber = non urgent/green = when there is free time

Red	Amber	Green
Re tape tree P/R		play equipment general-cleaning
Grass cutting		
Top up troughs with water for animals	Close sandpit	Look at opening toilets
Beacon	Trim back overhanging branches Park Lane	Slide Carters Park
Trim some lower braches of cy for bouncy castle	Spraying P/R	Nature reserve general tidy up
Move picnic benches from jubilee garden	Whitches hat holes use sand	Clean tennis courts
Blackberry bushes by park bungalow		Cedar P/R
Risk assessments		Bird boxes
Paperwork		Trees

If you wish to change the priority of the order, please contact the office first