

Minutes of the meeting of Holbeach Parish Council, Open Spaces Committee, Monday 20th June 2022 at 17:00 at Coubro Chambers, Holbeach

	In attendance	Apologies given
Holbeach Parish Council, Open Spaces Committee	Cllrs: M Murfet, R Flood, I Hutchinson, Clerk: Jan Hearsey	Cllr P Howden
Public including Councillors	Cllrs: S Hutchinson 4 member of the public	

Chair Cllr M Murfet opened the meeting at 16:30

2022/3-021 Apologies for absence

To receive and accept apologies where valid reasons for absence have been given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Howden

2022/3-022 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

2022/3-023 It was resolved to approve as a correct record the notes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24th May 2022 and to authorise the Chair to sign the official minutes

2022/3-024 Clerks report

- a) To receive a report from the Clerk – appendix 1

2022/3-025 Carters Park

- a) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree the way forward regarding the sandpit area, in that it will remain closed for the foreseeable future with a sign on and it will be looked into as a project for 2023/24
- b) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree to investigate the cost of a metal tennis net for tarmac area outside the tennis courts as a project for 2023/24
- c) It was discussed and **agreed** to investigate the cost of a new sign for the entrance to Carters Park, Clerk to find out cost of varying size signs.

2022/3-026 Netherfield

2022/3-027 Cemeteries

- a) To receive an update on the meeting arrangements with the PCC regarding the Churchyard – The vicar has offered to meet with us along with the Archdeacon and a representative from the faculty. Clerk to arrange a meeting for 8th July at 15:45 if possible
- b) It was discussed and resolved to agree to defer the agenda item for the watering of the closed churchyard

2022/3-028 – Allotments

- a) To receive the allotment inspection report and discuss recommendations. Cllrs M Murfet & I Hutchinson and the Clerk will carry out inspections on those deemed to require improvement on 9th August
- b) It was **resolved** to agree to split the former plot 1b Battlefields following the visits by committee members into 6 if feasible
- c) To receive an update on the waiting list – if any of those with improvement notices give up their plots then with the additional new 6, the waiting should be no longer. Three allotment holders adjoining the plot 1b are interested in more land if there is no one else on the waiting list.
- d) It was **resolved** to agree the way forward with the rubbish pile at Battlefields following the visits by committee members, was to offer this area as an extension to plot number G48 at no cost for this year.
- e) It was **resolved** to agree that the allotment holders at Battlefields will have a representative that will liaise with the Open Spaces Committee
- f) It was **resolved** to inform the tenant re the poly tunnel on plot on G30 Battlefields that we believe it will take up more than 20% of the plot so permission is declined

2022/3-029 Nature resolve

- a) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree to form a working party to research and investigate ways forward with the area, members are: Cllr M Murfet, Cllr R Flood, Mr S Muy, Mr B Sinfield, Ms C Potts, Ms K Goulding

2022/3-030- Holbeach Bank

- a) It was **resolved** to agree the purchase of the dogs must be on leads sign for £20
- b) It was **resolved** to agree to request permission of the Crown Estate to site two picnic benches at Holbeach Bank and to ask them for an update regarding the container

2022/3-031 – To receive an update on the mowers

Edit the agenda for **Full Council** to include the extra spend as an agenda item.

2022/3 032 – Work scheduling

- a) It was **resolved** to agree that Cllr R Flood and Cllr I Hutchinson will represent the committee at the next work scheduling meeting
- b) It was **resolved** to agree the work schedule – see appendix 2

2022/3-033 Next meeting

- a) It was **agreed** the date, time and venue of the next committee meeting to be Monday 18th July 2022 at 16:30 at Coubro Chambers

Open meeting closed at 17:49

Closed meeting opened at 18:00

2022/3-034 Security arrangements – to resolve 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 discussed and **resolved** to agree the way forward with security following the meeting with the Police advisor as to take on board the recommendations received and await the further information to be supplied.

Meeting closed at 18:08

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

Appendix 1

Our team have encountered some issues when maintaining the churchyard as cars have been parked on the grass on the path leading into the church. Our team went into the church to check that a service was not in progress so as to not cause any problems, no service was on but a refusal to move the vehicles was made. This means that our team have to go back at a later date to complete the maintenance. Maybe members can raise this issue when the meeting takes place with the church.

There was an issue with the cabling for the lights in the churchyard as they very nearly got strimmed, thanks to the vicar who personally went and moved them. I have asked if they can let us know when the lights are in situ in the future so as to avoid any issues. Apparently, they got left out after the jubilee weekend.

Following the recent issues with the bench opposite Laddies, it was thought that this piece of land belonged to LCC. I am attaching a land registry plan provided by Cllr Tracey Carter and an old plan provided by the Deanery which both clearly show this land as being part of the church curtilage.

Although social media has been awash with comments about the Jubilee Garden, no negative comments have been forthcoming to the office. As the Jubilee Garden is an Events committee project, it is on their agenda for discussion.

The last six weeks has seen an unprecedented amount of cemetery admin work which has taken extra time due to the historical records having to be put into the new Rialtas system. The documentation from Rialtas is proving excellent and thanks to Karen for her taking this on and setting up new procedures for recording the information.

Some branches have become low at a part of P/R cemetery they are head height and causes an issue.

Since the last meeting we have experienced a very high volume of anti social behaviour which has resulted in a meeting with our local police sergeant and our PCSO. Some members were present. Since the meeting I have been in contact with Sgt Rick Moseley on several occasions and reported back to the committee. He put us in contact with a police expert in this field and we met this morning. Details of this meeting will be discussed at the end of tonight's meeting in the closed session. The extra patrols that the police are undertaking, and the other measures put in place seem to be having a positive effect.

More rubbish has been reportedly dumped at Battlefields Lane allotments. We have received a couple of complaints regarding sub-letting of allotments on some sites, letters relating to the allotment inspection should result in more information.

An email has been received from Style roses regarding the donated roses in Carters Park, they have offered to assist our team with pruning.

Some bushes and scrub have been left close to the fence at Holbeach Bank

The tennis court net has been repaired and is ready to be put back up if everyone is happy.

Appendix 2

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

Red	Amber	Green
Grass cutting		play equipment general-cleaning
Top up troughs with water for animals	Signs sandpit	Look at opening toilets
	Install inclusive swing	Slide Carters Park
Mark allotments Battifields		Nature reserve general tidy up
Trees cemetery	Spraying P/R and H/G driveway	Clean tennis courts
	tennis court around ?	
Tennis court net		Cedar P/R
	Clear up debris after spraying	Bird boxes
		Trees
Risk assessments		
Paperwork		