

**Minutes of the meeting of Holbeach Parish Council, Open Spaces Committee,
Thursday 29th June 17:30 at Coubro Chambers, Holbeach**

	In attendance	Apologies given	Non Attendance
Holbeach Parish Council, Open Spaces Committee	Cllrs: R Flood, M Murfet, S Hutchinson Clerk: Jan Hearsey	Cllrs: P Howden & C Turner	
Public including Councillors			

Chair Cllr R Flood opened the meeting at: 17:30

OS-2023/4-015 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 under the delegated powers of the Clerk from:
Cllr P Howden & C Turner

OS-2023/4-016 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-2023/4-017 Minutes

- a) It was **resolved** to approve as a correct record the notes of the meetings of the Council held on 24th May 2023 and to authorise the Chair to sign the official minutes.

OS-2023/4-018 Clerks report

- a) To receive a report from the Clerk to include update on all areas. – see appendix a

OS-2023/4-019 Grass cutting & Spraying

- a) To receive an update on the meeting with the grass cutting contractor – weekly cuts and the contractor has promised a weekly update of where has been cut. The Clerk has chased
- b) It was **resolved** to agree the areas that need to be sprayed as family graves, fencing around cemetery, Hall Gate roadway, around tennis court, under trees on walkway through cemetery and the office carpark.
- c) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree the spraying by the contractor as none

OS-2023/4-020 Carters Park

- a) To receive an update on the sandpit area – possibility of conducting a survey to see what the public requires in the future
- b) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree the way forward with the request of the football club to install a water sub meter and it is a no
- c) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree the way forward with the flower beds as put on mulch and ask for volunteer help with the Jubilee Garden
- d) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree to have a “buddy bench” in the youth area and utilise an existing bench
- e) It was **resolved** to agree to apply for grant funding for a climbing wall

OS- 2023/4- 021 Netherfields

- a) It was **resolved** to agree the way forward for a community group to use the area, as any group as long as a risk assessment has been provided
- b) It was **resolved** to agree the price for goal posts and installation as from Networld Sports at £649.99 plus ground anchors for 12 x 6.

OS-2023/4-022 Cemeteries

- a) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree to recommend to Full Council the way forward with the trees bordering Tenters in that we cannot do anything during DEFRA and we will address in the winter
- b) It was **resolved** to agree the way forward with a tree in Park Road cemetery as speak to the tree surgeon if below £500 instruct

OS-2023/4-023 All Saints Churchyard

- a) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree the way forward regarding the “Gods Acre project” n as much as to keep the area to the south of the Church as wild areas except for the first two rows facing Church Street and under the trees
- b) An update was received in that the supplier regarding plants for the Saturday Gang had met with Cllr R Flood and was supplying plants. Cllr M Murfet had donated a water bowser and a local company was supplying the water. It was agreed that the bowser could be stored at the rear of Coubro Chambers. Put the pots in the Churchyard back on their plinths.

OS-2023/4-024 Allotments

- a) To receive an update on the waiting list – sufficient vacant allotment to finish the waiting list. Cllr R Flood to assist with the letting
- b) An update on the allotment inspections was received and generally they were good.
- c) It was discussed and **resolved** to agree the keeping of bees on our agricultural allotments as an amendment to the allotment rules and regulations was required for the agricultural tenants only and to change the rules to on a case by case basis only. If two members requested to suspend Standing Orders then this would go on the next Full Council agenda

OS-2023/4-025 Machinery



- a) An update on the machinery was received and it was resolved to agree the way forward as to instruct staff not to carry out repairs, all repairs to be carried out by local companies. Staff should notify the Clerk by email if they are unhappy.

OS-2023/4 026 Work scheduling

- a) It was **resolved** to agree who will represent the committee at the work scheduling meeting as Cllr M Murfet on 24th July after the induction at 08:30

OS-2023/4 027 Meetings

- a) The next meeting is on 27th July 2023 at 14:30.

Meeting closed at 19:06

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

Appendix a

Park Road Cemetery

Several complaints received about grass cutting which have been responded to. There is a branch hanging from one of the trees

Carters Park

The CCTV is installed and should be operational soon. New signage has been purchased, the Data Impact assessment and risk assessment have been completed as well as the CCTV policy which has been approved by Council. The toilet pod is going between the standing stones and the existing toilet block.

The new gates will be going in soon. Highways have inspected re the dropped curb and the existing curb is sufficient for the new gates.

The slide installation is due to commence on the 24th July and be completed by the 31st July.

All Saints Churchyard

We had a meeting with the vicar and have discussed a way forward with the maintenance

Netherfield

Nothing to report

Hall Gate

Nothing to report

Nature Reserve

The duck food machine has been doing well

Holbeach Bank Playing Field

The fence has been fixed

Other maintained areas

Myself and Rachel met with the grass cutting contractor and he agreed to give us a weekly update which we have not received.