

**REPORT OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2009**

**MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE**

**Chairman:** \*Mrs M Jarrett

**Councillors** \*N Eve  
Mrs B Green  
\*Mrs A Hayward  
\*P Kemp  
\*G Liley  
\*S Watkins  
\*Mrs J Worrall (ex officio)

\*Denotes members present

Also in attendance Cllr Mrs Hampton and Cllr Green

**09/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Green

**09/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mrs Hayward declared a personal interest in item 09/04 Matters Arising, 08/103 Christ Church Closed Church Yard Maintenance Contract

**09/03 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The Committee

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009 be approved as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

**09/04 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**08/83 Chorleywood Golf Club request for works:** The Clerk confirmed that now the Senior Parish Ranger had returned she would arrange for a meeting to take place between the Three Rivers TPO Officer, the Golf Club and the Parish Council

**08/103 Christ Church Closed Church Yard Maintenance Contract**

The Clerk confirmed that she had written to the Vicar on 28<sup>th</sup> April and had also emailed Mr Brocklesby, who was responsible for the maintenance of the church yard on 25<sup>th</sup> March, he had responded on 16<sup>th</sup> May advising that work they would 'tackle the hedge in the next few weeks' and yet to date nothing had happened.

The Committee  
RESOLVED

That the Clerk writes to the Church again with a copy to the Diocese of St Albans

**09/05 FINANCIAL COMPARISON STATEMENT 09/10**

The Committee  
RESOLVED  
To note the report

**ALLOTMENTS**

**09/06 ALLOTMENT COMPETITION**

Mrs Martin advised that she had received a letter from the Chorleywood Horticultural Society advising that they would judge the allotment competition on behalf of the Parish Council for a fee of £125.00, they also advised that they intended to change the competition this year giving more points for flowers and fewer for vegetables.

The Committee  
RESOLVED

To agree the fee of £125.00, and to monitor the feedback regarding the change in the competition rules.

This was proposed by Cllr Watkins, seconded by Cllr Liley and unanimously agreed.

**09/07 OCCUPATION**

The Committee  
RESOLVED

To note the occupation of the allotments.

Cllr Mrs Worrall, advised that a plot of land had been put up for sale in Stag Lane, which was unsuitable for development. When questioned, Mrs Martin confirmed that currently there were about 50 people on the allotment waiting list. Cllr Mrs Worrall felt this may be a good opportunity for the Parish Council to investigate the possibility of acquiring the land as a new allotment site.

**COMMON AND GROVEWOOD**

**09/08 REPORT OF THE PARISH RANGER**

Members thanked the Parish Ranger for the extremely comprehensive report and the Chairman wished to formally thank Mr Watts for doing what was effectively the work of four men over the past few months.

The Committee  
RESOLVED  
To note the report.

**09/09 RE-INTRODUCTION OF GRAZING ON THE COMMON**

Members were of the opinion that the trial had served its purpose and had answered most of questions however it was agreed that a detailed financial analysis was required.

The Committee

RESOLVED  
To note the report

**09/10 GRAZING QUESTIONNAIRE AND ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

Members took the opportunity to look at the two draft questionnaires that had been written by Cllr Mrs Jarrett. This was discussed and the committee agreed that the final draft be reviewed and agreed by the Council's Editorial Committee.

It was also agreed that the questionnaire should only ask one question, with yes or no answer.

It was agreed that the questionnaire return date should be three weeks after the date of issue.

It was also agreed that the assessment criteria be a 51% majority of all replies.

The Committee  
RESOLVED

- i) That the final draft of the questionnaire be approved by the Council's editorial committee
- ii) That there only be one question
- iii) That the closing date be three weeks after issue
- iv) That the assessment criteria be a 51% majority of all replies.

**LAWN CEMETERY**

**09/11 OCCUPATION**

The Committee  
RESOLVED  
To note the occupation of the Lawn Cemetery.

**PARISH PATHS**

**09/12** The Chairman asked the Clerk to put an item on the agenda to ask if any Councillors would be interested in adopting a footpath, and report any defects to the parish council. It was also agreed that an item could be put into Chorleywood Matters.

It was hoped that the assessment of parish paths would be ready for the next meeting.

**09/13 CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting having commenced at 8.00 pm closed at 9.30 pm.

These minutes have been checked verbally signed by the Chairman

Signed ..... Date .....

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record at the Open Spaces meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Signed..... Date.....