

MINUTES of a meeting of the OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE held at 7.45pm on Wednesday 10 October 2018 in the Library, 72 Chapel Hill, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex

PRESENT: Cllr J Hudson (Vice Chairman in the Chair), Cllrs M Caton, C Dean, J Hudson, J Kavanagh, F Richards and V Trundle.

ATTENDING: Cllr Wallace-Jarvis

213 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr Dunn, Mrs R Clifford (Clerk) Mr T Lloyd (Asst. to the Clerk)

214 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none.

215 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2018

The Minutes were approved at the Full Council Meeting on Wednesday 19 September.

216 MATTERS ARISING

(182) Cllr Wallace-Jarvis advised that under the new constitutional arrangements the Parish Council can nominate potential members of the Birchanger Wood Trust.

(194) Birchanger Wood has Charitable Incorporated Organisation status.

(188b) Cllr Kavanagh raised concerns about reports of tree felling on Newman's Plantation, which had been reported on Stansted Matters. There was nothing in the minutes to support that this was necessary. Cllr Caton suggested that Lee should be asked to check what work if any had been carried out and by whom.

217 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Nothing to report.

218 TREE MATTERS

A tree at the rear of Crafton Green House with a potentially dangerous split in it has been felled.

Cllr Trundle reported a pocket of land on Bentfield Green, adjacent to Cooper's Alley, that has become overgrown and needs to be tidied up. The Asst to the Clerk will be asked to investigate.

219 LITTER

The good work being done by the village litter picking group was recognised. It was agreed to post a thank you on social media. The date for the Village Pick was agreed as Saturday 30 March.

220 FOOTPATHS - Mr Stiles' report will be circulated.

221 CEMETERY - nothing to report.

222 ALLOTMENTS - TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE

Cllr Barnes reported that the hand over by the landowner is now likely to happen in the new year. They are yet to install the water supply or gates. The Asst. to the Clerk will update the waiting list to get an accurate assessment of how many people are still interested in taking on an allotment.

Cllr Barnes has concerns over the surface of the car park. The Clerk will be requested to get a price for resurfacing the car park as and when this becomes necessary so that a contingency fund can be put in place as and when it is needed.

223 FORESTHALL PARK - FUTURE MAINTENANCE - Postponed to next meeting

224 ELMS FARM - PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

There has been one meeting of the working group. It was agreed that a further meeting needed to be set up as a matter of urgency and that a site visit was a priority.

225 STANSTED IN BLOOM

Cllr Trundle reported that this year's event had been very successful with a record entry and a very high standard. The presentation event has taken place and will be reported on in The Link. One of the shields was damaged and Cllr Dunn is getting this rectified.

226 BIRCHANGER WOOD

Cllr Wallace-Jarvis reported that the minutes of the last meeting of the Trust had been circulated. There will be an event on 27th October regarding the Leaf Weaver Moth. Councillor Wallace-Jarvis advised that she could put flyers on the Parish notice boards.

Meeting closed 9.08pm