

BARROW UPON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on
9th November 2021 at 6.30pm at the Parish Council Office, 12 High Street

PRESENT

Cllrs C Forrest, A Goater, L Kingham, EJ Rodgers and J Rodgers

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Helen Duxbury – Deputy Clerk
Mrs A Richardson – Barrow in Bloom

48. APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted as follows:

Cllr A Beckett, Cllr R Billson, Cllr S Ellingworth, Cllr S Forrest, Cllr S Gudger and
Cllr S Sharpe

49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

50. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th SEPTEMBER 2021

RECOMMENDED the minutes are approved and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting by Cllr C Forrest, Chair.

51. TO UPDATE ON THE WILLOW ROAD ADOPTION

All the documentation has been sent to CBC and is awaiting approval. Both the Parish Council and David Wilson Homes want the adoption to take place as soon as possible. CBC need to make the final arrangements for the adoption.

RESOLVED to ask our Borough Councillors to intervene on the Parish Council's behalf.
EJ Rodgers abstained.

i) To discuss storage facilities once adopted

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

52. PLAYING FIELDS

a. KGV

i. To agree date for community bramble clearing

The Footpath Group will be doing the work on 11th November 2021 at 11am.

The handyman no longer wants to attend the pesticide course at Brooksby College. It was agreed look into employing someone who is already trained after the Willow Road adoption is complete.

ii. To discuss installing a bin in the Youth Shelter

The caretaker has reported that rubbish is dropped around the youth shelter rather than in the bins around the edge of the park. He has suggested that a bin is installed in the youth shelter. It was agreed that a bin in the youth shelter would encourage fires to be started and not to install one.

iii. To discuss a request for a bench in memoriam

RESOLVED to allow the family to install a similar bench next to the existing bench in memoriam.

RESOLVED that Annette can arrange for the plastic bench to be moved to near Deep Lock.

iv. To consider any general issues raised/notified

None.

b. MILL LANE

i. To update on Mill Lane Refurbishment

The company has confirmed that the refurbishment will start on 15th November 2021 and will take up to 6 weeks. Letters have been delivered to houses opposite the park.

ii. To consider any general issues raised/notified

None.

53. MILLENNIUM PARK/PICNIC AREA

i. To report on noticeboard and installation

The noticeboard is almost ready, we are waiting for the company to email the proofs before payment is made.

ii. To discuss advice received regarding upkeep of footpaths

CBC was not able to offer much advice except to suggest we take a look at the new footpaths around Dishley Pool and also provided the name of a contractor they have used recently. Three further contractors have been contacted but the only one that has replied has recently retired.

It was suggested to contact Rushcliffe Borough Council because it is thought that the footpaths in Rushcliffe Country Park are in Breedon stone.

iii. To consider any general issues raised/notified

Some of the issues raised in a recent inspection report will be dealt with when the flailing is done.

54. PLANS FOR GARDEN IN FRONT OF THE THREE CROWNS – Cllr S Forrest

As Cllr S Forrest was not at the meeting an update will be provided at the next Full Council meeting.

55. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

i. Consider any general issues raised/notified

Annette Richardson advised that she has recently acquired some compost from LCC which will be used at various locations around the village but three of the bags will be saved for use at the Three Crowns Garden.

56. OTHER GROUNDS

i. War Memorial

Some of the bollards are rotten or have been knocked over and then reinstated. It was agreed to investigate replacement bollards and to apply for permission from LCC who has waived the licence fee of £75 until the end of December 2021. A licence still needs to be applied for.

ii. Jerusalem Island

Annette reported that quotations are still being sought for the installation of a tap.

iii. The Roundhouse

None.

Cllr C Forrest asked that the heading 'Entrances to the Village' is reinstated on the next agenda.

Cllr J Rodgers has kindly planted the fossil planter at the bottom of Sileby Road.

57. TO CONSIDER PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS TO DATE

Most issues of concern have already been dealt with by the handymen.

58. DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING – TBC

The next meeting will be on 18th January 2022 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

SIGNED..... **DATE**.....
CHAIRMAN