

## **BARROW UPON SOAR PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on  
18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 6.30pm at the Parish Council Office, 12 High Street

### **PRESENT**

Cllrs R Billson, S Ellingworth, S Forrest, C Forrest, A Goater, S Gudger, A Kingham, L Kingham, J Rodgers and S Sharpe

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

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

### **59. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were noted as follows:

Cllr A Beckett,  
Cllr EJ Rodgers

### **60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **61. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

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

### **62. TO DISCUSS INDEPENDENT PLAYGROUND INSPECTION – copy attached**

The majority of the report was satisfactory with the following exceptions:

- i) There is a potential pinching/crushing hazard at one of the yellow gates into the children's play area;
- ii) Some of the path edgings are in a poor condition;
- iii) Information signs need installing at the four trim trail items around the park.

It was agreed to ask the handymen to look at the gate. Cllr Bilson offered to assist. The condition of the footpath edges will be dealt with in the spring.

**RESOLVED** that the office creates a mock-up for the signs according to the information provided in the report. These will be agreed at the next meeting and once the signs have been made, they can be attached to the existing posts at each piece of equipment.

### **63. TO UPDATE ON THE WILLOW ROAD ADOPTION**

CBC has confirmed that their Solicitors have been advised to progress the adoption process.

**RECOMMENDED** to write to CBC in a month's time if no progress has been made.

i) To discuss storage facilities once adopted

After discussion it was **RECOMMENDED** to ask the office to investigate different storage facilities and possible locations and to investigate grounds maintenance companies to carry out the work until new tenders are sourced.

**RECOMMENDED** for the office to investigate appointing a larger workforce to maintain the new land on Willow Road. Cllr S Sharpe voted against.

#### **64. TO DISCUSS CLIMATE CHANGE – Cllr J Rodgers**

The list of possible actions that could be taken is endless, but it was agreed that the most achievable action was the planting of trees to create a woodland. Cllr J Rodgers offered to contact voluntary bodies for advice on planting a native woodland and to report to the next meeting.

Annette Richardson advised that she already has a meeting arranged to progress the installation of bat and bird boxes.

#### **65.PLAYING FIELDS**

##### **a. KGV**

##### **i. To consider any general issues raised/notified**

A Councillor showed the meeting a photo and expressed concern about the puddle of water that is constantly at the base of the CCTV pole. The office will inform CBC.

##### **b. MILL LANE**

##### **i. To update on Mill Lane Refurbishment**

The refurbishment should be finished this week. An external inspection of the playground will be made before it can be handed over to the Parish Council. A provisional date of 26<sup>th</sup> January has been set for a meeting with the contractors.

##### **ii. To discuss opening event once the refurbishment is complete**

As the park will be opened as soon as it is complete, Cllr C Forrest would like to hold a celebration event in the spring with entertainment, drinks etc rather than an opening event.

It was agreed that Cllrs Forrest and Gudger will bring some ideas to the next meeting for an event to be held in the Easter holidays.

##### **iii. To consider any general issues raised/notified**

A resident had written requesting the use of part of Mill Lane playground to host a small tea party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All Councillors agreed this was a lovely idea.

#### **66. MILLENNIUM PARK/PICNIC AREA**

##### **i. To report on noticeboard and installation**

The noticeboard will be installed on Friday. It was agreed that Cllr J Rodgers would go with the Clerk to meet the contractor to agree the exact location. The Clerk will confirm the exact time of the meeting.

## **ii. To discuss advice/quotations received regarding refurbishment plan of footpaths**

Two contractors have been met to provide advice and to submit a quotation. The contractors agreed to provide quotations with kerbs and without kerbs and for doing the work in sections and as a whole.

Cllrs S Sharpe and J Rodgers have contacts from whom they will seek advice and report back at the next meeting.

## **iii. To consider inspection reports to date – copy attached**

Cllr J Rodgers expressed concern about the state of the trees and the amount of debris left on the ground after the flailing. A gentleman had had trouble getting his mobility scooter through the entrance on Melton Road. Cllr Billson offered to clear the entrance to allow easier access.

When Cllr J Rodgers carried out her inspection there was a lot of wood stacked on the wild-flower area which needs removing. Cllr C Forrest will check if the wood is still there when she carries out her inspection next week.

## **iv. To consider any general issues raised/notified**

Annette Richardson confirmed that the dropped kerb on Fishpool Way has been completed and is much appreciated.

## **67. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

### **i. Consider any general issues raised/notified**

None.

## **68. OTHER GROUNDS**

### **i. War Memorial**

A company has confirmed they could replace the bollards but have asked for confirmation from LCC as to any Highway permits they may need to carry out the work. A response is still awaited from LCC.

### **ii. Jerusalem Island**

Annette Richardson has requested a quotation for the tap but a cupboard with enough space for the watering can would need to be in place before the work can be done. Cllrs R Billson and J Rodgers agreed to investigate alternative storage containers.

### **iii. The Roundhouse**

None.

### **iv. Entrances to the village**

Now is the time to start investigating alternative Christmas trees for Jerusalem Island. Cllr S Forrest agreed to source prices for rental and artificial trees for discussion at the next meeting.

Annette Richardson advised that she had been contacted by Sarah Ritchie at CBC who will be sending an email regarding the work that needs doing at the amenity area on Bridge Street and that a report of the state of the benches on Piets Close is still

awaited. Annette is meeting with CBC at 10am on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and asked if the Parish Council would like to attend as well.

Notification has been received from LCC that Barrow Road will be closed one day on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022. It was agreed to write to ask that while the road is shut could LCC do a litter pick and if LCC is not able to litter pick to ask if Barrow's Footpath Group would be able to do it.

Annette Richardson asked if any of the Councillors would be interested in being involved in the group that has been set up to clean up around the railway platforms. Cllrs S Forrest and S Gudger agreed to join the group.

**69. TO CONSIDER PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS TO DATE**

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

**70. DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING – TBC**

The next meeting will be on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

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