



Minutes of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee meeting of East Hunsbury Parish Council held on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022** at 7.00pm at Hunsbury Library.

Present: Cllr M Allen, Cllr C Douglas (Chairman), Cllr P Warden

Also present: Mrs C Holgate (Clerk)

Item no	
P22/001	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Apologies were received from Cllr J Elliott (unwell), Cllr K Moore (unwell). <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the apologies. Cllr Burnell was not in attendance.
P22/002	<b>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b> The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 (copies of which being folio 2 having been previously circulated) were approved as a true record.
P22/003	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> No declarations of interest were received.
P22/004	<b>Open Space Access Risk Assessment</b> a. Members considered the advice received about the high risk access points noted in the report prepared by Cllrs Elliott and Warden. <b>RESOLVED</b> to install measures as needed at the access points to ensure that they cannot be accessed by unauthorised vehicles. b. Members considered the need for better access to Grangewood Park, particularly for events and emergency vehicles. c. The quote received for replacement of the gate and improved access onto Grangewood Park was not approved. <b>RESOLVED</b> to carry out minor works to improve the access for larger vehicles.
P22/005	<b>Signage</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to update and replace park signage to include contact information and prohibitions.
P22/006	<b>Queen's Green Canopy</b> The Clerk informed members that the cherry tree avenue would be planted in September. Advice and recommendations have been taken from idVerde in relation to planting, placement and ongoing maintenance. As the proposal includes Granary open space, West Northamptonshire Council have been consulted and they have agreed the plans. a. Local schools have asked the parish council how they can be involved in the QGC. Members discussed suitable initiatives – see P22/007 below. b. <b>RESOLVED</b> to design and order a banner indicating our involvement in the QGC for placing in various locations around the parish.
P22/007	<b>Community Orchard</b> Members discussed the possibility of planting a community orchard as part of the QGC and identified a suitable piece of land for this. This would be an opportunity for schools to be involved in a meaningful way in the QGC. The Clerk will arrange to meet with idVerde to discuss this idea.
P22/008	<b>Wildflowers</b> a. <b>RESOLVED</b> to use the two existing wildflower sites at Blacky More open space and Stonepit. A further two sites in Stonepit were identified to create a “meadow” which could be walked through and noticeable from the road. b. <b>RESOLVED</b> to prepare the sites for planting.

	c. <b>RESOLVED</b> to purchase seed mixes as agreed.
P22/009	<b>Penvale Park – works to brook</b> Works to the brook have been agreed by the Innovative Flood Resilience Project. A plan will be drawn up by a water management company for the parish council to approve.
P22/010	<b>Flood mitigation/Pathfinder project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Clerk gave a brief update on the Pathfinder project. The parish council are waiting to receive the final report in relation to this project so that we can consider the proposed mitigation measures and apply for funding.</li> <li>b. Members discussed applying for funding from the Pathfinder scheme, but it was noted that this is difficult to do without the recommendations of the final report. The Clerk will consult with the Flood and Water Management team about suitable uses of the funding.</li> </ul>
P22/011	<b>Planning for the Future</b> A management plan for Grangewood Park has been started and the Clerk asked for input from members. An action plan will form part of the management plan which will list works that the parish council plan to do before 2028.
	<b>Close</b> The meeting closed at 8.36pm

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