

Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish Council

Minutes of the Opens Spaces Committee Meeting

Held on Monday, 22nd March 2021 at 6pm

Remotely on Teams

1. **Present:** Cllrs Cllr J Aston, M Buttery, P Haden, S Thompson

Parish Clerk: Mrs L Bowman

2. **Apologies**

Apologies received from Cllr L Bullock

3. **To Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 25th January 2021**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 25th January 2021 were approved as a true record. The Committee were updated on areas of work that had been completed.

- Laurel bush leading to pathway by Tesco Petrol Station, trimmed back from pavement.
- Wimblebury War Memorial, strimmed small grass area. Weeded gravel and removed leaves, levelled off gravel with rake, tidied up pavement area.
- Lamb & Flag pub, strimmed and raked weeds from frontage and down the side of the building. Cleared remaining debris with leaf blower.
- Five Ways memorial, cleared leaves and litter, cleared weeds and debris with leaf blower.
- Bank Street car park, carried out litter picking then basic tidy up using leaf blower.
- Dorset Road removed layers of overgrown grass allowing for more pavement area for pedestrians. Cleared all waste into bags.
- Bourne Church cleared leaves and litter from outside and inside the front wall and entrance. Strimmed weeds from the area. Sprayed weedkiller to growing moss around the block paved ramp. Strimmed and raked out weeds from along the side of the building and sprayed weedkiller.
- Main car park, strimmed weeds along main wall by bus stop outside and inside. Applied weedkiller along this area. Cleared litter from inside the main car park area. Using the leaf blower cleared leaves, twigs and branches.
- Melbourne Road applied weedkiller to block paved areas. To make this more effective and more pleasing to the eye I raked out and strimmed bigger areas of larger weeds first.

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4. Areas of improvement required within the Parish



John Street Wimblebury, Cllr Thompson to contact the owner of the land and highways.



Arthur Street, Wimblebury, Cllr Thompson to enquire into who owns this strip of land.



Wimblebury Park – Litter Pick.

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Scott Street leading on to Wimblebury Park, Cllr Thompson to report.



Sign for Scott Street was vandalised and is now on the walkways, Cllr Thompson to report.

Clear Path of Grass.



Clear Path of Moss and Leaves.

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Clear Leaves and weeds.



John Street, remove weeds and cut Grass.



John Street, sand and stain memorial bench.



Glover's street sign opposite chip shop.

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Overgrown prickly bush by the side of 12 Thistledown Drive.



Overgrown pathway outside number 29 Meadow Way.



Leaves that need clearing on the linked pathway from Heath Way to Rochester on the side of the road by number 9.



Once the above works had been completed the committee required photographic evidence.

Tesco had agreed to continue to maintain the bushes close to the petrol station and the bus stop.

Extra dustbins required at two local alleyways close to Five Ways and Gorsemoor School, both areas have a problem with dog faeces.

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5. Cannel Mount

The Tree Surgeon had marked all of the trees that required felling this year, per the previously agreed 5-year schedule, work would begin week commencing the 26th April. Five suitably sized trees would be left higher to carve. The tree surgeon would spend half a day before then strimming the bramble before it started growing this season, Kingsmead School could maintain the bramble when they visited the site the middle of July. Kingsmead attended Cannel Mount for a few hours on the 8th March as part of a well-being day, 10 Children collected numerous bags of rubbish and arranged the logs into an edging along the public right of way. A bin is required at the entrance to the Mount.

6. Carvings

The chainsaw carver met with the tree surgeon and member of the open spaces committee to advise on trees that would be suitable to be carved, many trees were too slim to use. Carvings that would be suitable for the trees selected would be a Badger, Squirrel, Owl, Hare and a Wren in memory of the late Cllr V Baker, the carving would have to be oiled twice yearly. The clerk had spoken to the family of Cllr D Baker and his memorial would be a Nottingham Forrest logo which will be carved into the same tree trunk as Cllr V Baker. It was suggested putting a bench close to the memorial.

Quotes to obtain fairy doors to create a fairy garden was discussed.

7. Items for Information or Future Agenda's

The Princess Trust, Community Service and Rodbaston College could be contacted to assist with work required at Cannel Mount.

8. Date of Next Meeting - Monday, 24th May 2021 at 6pm