

Minutes of the **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** held at Pembury Parish Council offices on **Monday 24 June 2024** at 3:00pm.



Councillors Present:

Cllr C Snow (Chair)

Cllr M Weaver

Cllr P Gillan (Vice Chair)

Cllr J Webster

Cllr M Barrett

Officers present:

Helen Munro (Clerk)

24/090. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** There were none.

24/091. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** There were none.

24/092. **MINUTES.** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the committee meeting held on 15 January 2024 be approved and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

24/093. **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.** The Chair reported on the recent Community Litter pick.

24/094. **CLERK'S REPORT.** The following report was **noted**:

- a. Shipping Container. No further work has been done on this project due to workload issues.
- b. Memorials. Urgent work to memorials in Lower Green Cemetery have been completed. Work to remaining memorials will be scheduled in due course.
- c. Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC) – Marshleyharbour Woods. No further progress has been reported.
- d. Litter pick. The next litter pick is scheduled on Saturday 28 September 2024. The Rapid Relief Team and We Waste Ltd will attend.

24/095. **OPEN SESSION.** There was no one to speak.

24/096. **BURIALS.**

- a. The Finance & HR Committee had recommended reviewing memorial sizes and changes were considered. After much discussion it was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that there should be no change to memorial sizes in the existing burial site. However, memorial sizes in the new burial area should be reduced.

- b. A request to move an existing reserved burial plot to another location was considered. It was **RESOLVED** that this be approved.

24/097. **LOWER GREEN RECREATION GROUND.**

- a. Correspondence regarding the skate park was considered. After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to invite the resident to discuss their suggestion with committee members at an informal meeting. They would also be invited to support the Parish Council with future recreation ground improvement projects.
- b. The report on improvements to the Recreation Ground was noted. A shaded area would be included in the plans. A public consultation was required to ascertain residents' requirements and would be considered at a future meeting.
- c. The next steps for a new climbing frame funded by a Section 106 payment were discussed. It was agreed that a site meeting to the playground at Hilbert Park would be arranged.
- d. A suggestion to add permanent football goals for informal play was discussed. It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that one goal be purchased in partnership with the Pembury Athletic Football Club. Funding to come from general reserves. A second set of goals to be installed at a later stage.
- e. A contractor had removed the graffiti on the wall at a cost of £108 plus VAT as the groundsmen had been unable to remove it using the equipment they had available.
- f. Recent anti-social behaviour at the recreation ground was discussed. Cllr Webster agreed to discuss CCTV options for Lower Green Recreation Ground with TWBC.

Cllr Gillan left the meeting at 16:04.

24/098. **CORONATION GARDENS.** The Climate and Environmental Action Working Group had recommended that a wildflower meadow be created on the site. After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Working Group could undertake the work. Wildflower seeds were donated by Cllr Barrett for the project.

24/099. **RISKS.** No new risks had been identified.

24/100. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS OR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.** There were none.

24/101. **MEETING DATES.** The date of **30 September 2024** at 3:00pm in the Parish Office Meeting Room was noted.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 16:20pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chair