



Crediton Open Space
Committee Meeting,
Wednesday 15th November 2017, at 4:00 pm



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Councillors Present: Mrs Liz Brookes-Hocking, Mr Bob Wright, Mr John Ross, Mr Frank Letch (part meeting)

Community Present: Kendra Ezekiel, Laura Conyngham

In attendance: Clare Dalley, Town Clerk

13 To receive and accept apologies.

None received.

14 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wright declared that as a member of more than one authority that any views or opinions expressed at this meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.

15 Crediton Open Space Committee Minutes – To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Crediton Open Space Committee Meeting held on 13th September 2017. It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Crediton Open Space Committee Meeting held on 13th September 2017, as a correct record.

16 Matters Arising

Page 1, minute number 7 - Clare advised that she hadn't heard anything about the planting by Westward Barbell.

Page 2, minute number 10 - Bob advised that individuals and community groups can be supporters of the Tree Charter and offered to send the link to Clare, so it can be circulated to the community.

Page 2, minute number 9 – The Committee requested their thanks be recorded to Emma for all her work in producing the Crediton Open Space booklet, which is excellent.

17 To review the Peoples Park Wildlife Area project and agree any further actions. Liz, Kendra and Laura agreed the tidy-up day on Saturday, 14th October, had gone very well. Several people volunteered including a whole family. An additional compost bin, which could be sited at the south end of the wildlife area was requested, and it was **resolved** for Clare to investigate costings.

It was **resolved** to ask volunteers from Ernest Jackson to help with a tidy-up at the end of November. Laura volunteered to oversee this work, as it would be undertaken on a weekday, and agreed to liaise with Ernest Jackson over making the necessary arrangements.

Following the removal of the laurel hedge, the condition of the cob wall, breeze block wall and corrugated fence were discussed in detail. Members considered:

- rendering the breeze block wall to make it look like the adjacent cob wall
- the need to preserve the cob wall and whether it needs to be lime rendered

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- the need to paint the corrugated fence. Clare advised this could be achieved by using Community Payback and the Dulux Community paint scheme.

It was **resolved** as follows:

- Clare to obtain quotations for the works.
- to arrange a meeting with Mid Devon District Council's Conservation Officer to discuss the Committee's aspirations.
- seek the Conservation Officers opinion on all the boundaries at Peoples Park and in particular the dry-stone wall which appears to have been replaced and eroded in parts.
- to explore extending the native hedging to the end of the breeze block wall.

The ownership and responsibility of the dry-stone wall boundary was discussed. Clare advised that having looked at the deeds to the Park she was unable to establish the ownership of the northern boundary. It was **resolved** for Clare to carry out a land registry search on two properties on Okefield Drive, that share the boundary with People Park, to try and identify who is responsible for the boundary. Bob said he would speak to someone who used to live there.

Laura commented on how splendid the Scout Memorial Garden looked and this was echoed by all members present. Laura asked for the Town Council's Scout Memorial Gardener to be congratulated on his hard work and efforts.

Frank Letch arrived 4.32 pm and declared that as a member of more than one authority that any views or opinions expressed at this meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.

Bob advised that he had been receiving requests for lights to be installed at the Scout Memorial Garden. It was **resolved** to investigate lighting at the Scout Memorial Garden as a Town Council project.

There was a detailed discussion regarding expanding the amount of wildlife planting at Peoples Park and it was **resolved** to discuss this at the next meeting, as a separate agenda item.

- 18 To consider planning a Lucombe Oak tree sapling in Peoples Park Road located near the Lime tree stump.** Clare advised that after consulting with Mid Devon District Council's (MDDC) tree officer, the Town Council's Property & Allotment Committee has considered the planting of the Lucombe Oak at Peoples Park. MDDC's tree officer advised that it would be fine to leave the Lime Tree stump where it is and plant the sapling nearby. However, the Property & Allotment Committee felt it would be better for the stump to be removed, as a tree cannot be planted nearby due to the lack of space. Quotations were now being obtained for the Lime Tree stump to be removed.

It was **resolved** for the Lucombe Oak to be planted at Peoples Park to replace the Lime Tree that had been removed. Members felt that it did not matter what the size of the sapling was as long as it was well protected by tree stakes and fencing.

- 19 To receive an update from the Town Clerk on the maintenance of the land, owned by the Guinness Trust, at Queen Elizabeth Drive.** Clare advised she now had a contact at the Guinness Trust and they were obtaining quotations for the long-term maintenance of all their grassed and planted area.

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- 20 **To discuss the graffitied wall at Glen Creedy Court and consider ways in which assistance could be provided to the owners for it to be re-painted.** Further information had been provided at the meeting by the Town Clerk. It was **resolved** to advise the Glen Creedy Court Residents Association about the Dulux Community Paint Scheme and investigate whether Community Payback can undertake the work for the Residents Associations and advise them accordingly.
- 21 **To consider a request to rejuvenate an area of land on East Street.** A copy of the request had been issued with the agenda. It was noted that the Committee has considered this area previously. The Committee agreed that the area is bland and uninteresting, however, it is an area that could be looked at under a potential highway feasibility study in the future.
- 22 **Close**
The meeting closed at 5.08 pm

Signed 
Chairman

Dated.....14/03/2018.....