



Crediton Open Space
Committee Meeting,
Wednesday 14th September 2016, at 4:00 pm



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Present: Frank Letch, Laura Conyngham, Kendra Ezekiel, Yvonne Crone and Clare Dalley

Absent: Jade Walters

1 To Elect a Committee Chairman for 2016-2017

It was **resolved** for Frank Letch to be Committee Chairman for 2016 – 2017.

2 To Elect a Committee Deputy Chairman for 2016-2017

It was **resolved** for Kendra Ezekiel to be Committee Deputy Chairman for 2016-2017

3 To receive and accept apologies

It was **resolved** to receive apologies from Liz Brookes-Hocking.

4 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Letch 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.

5 Crediton Open Space Committee Minutes – To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Crediton Open Space Committee Meeting held on 4th May 2016. It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Crediton Open Space Committee Meeting held on 4th May 2016 as a correct record.

6 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

7 To review the Peoples Park Wildlife Area project and agree any further actions required, including the following:

- **Wildlife Hunt**

The wildlife hunt appears to have been well received.

- **Bird Feeders**

Sunflowers Day Nursery are now looking after the bird feeders.

- **Installation of large logs cut into discs**

Kendra arranged to meet Julian Hooper to transport the logs, but unfortunately he didn't arrive. The personal circumstances of the lady donating the logs has now changed and Kendra will keep members up to date as matters progress.

- **Possible removal of the laurel hedge**

Clare has arranged for a tree surgeon to look at the laurel hedge to get his opinion on whether its removal would undermine the cob wall. Hopefully there will be more news at the next meeting.

- **Production of an information leaflet about the wildlife area**
The leaflet has been produced and recently Laura distributed 100 to local residents' homes. Whilst delivering the leaflet Laura received feedback regarding litter in the wildlife area and the table has been vandalised. Clare and Frank advised that MDDC will not consider the installation of any new bins until they have completed their MDDC's Street Cleansing Review.

8. To receive an update on the following items and agree any actions required.

- **Land located at the bottom of Red Hill Cross**
Clare reported that following further investigations the Council's Solicitors had established that the piece of land is already registered and owned by Devon County Council.
- **The leet and land which runs adjacent to the road owned by Tesco**
- **Dog bins**
Clare advised that she and Frank had met with Lorraine Durrant and Niamh Leaman from Mid Devon District Council's (MDDC) Waste Management Department to discuss MDDC's Street Cleansing Review. Crediton's requirements were considered, which included the need for additional litter and dog bins. As part of the review MDDC is considering dual use litter/dog waste bins and the Clare suggested these would be ideal for the area south of Tesco. It had been a productive and informative meeting and the officers had confirmed they would take the Town Council's needs into consideration during the review.
- **Tarmac area in front of Newcombes Meadow toilets**
The possible uses of the area were discussed and it was agreed for Clare to investigate the following:
 - Table tennis tables
 - Fitness equipment
 - Trellis to be erected in the walled flower bed to provide screening as well as coloured planting
 - Funding and support from Active Devon.
- **Purchase of bulbs**
The bulbs have been purchased and are ready for planting on 8th October 2016. It was noted that volunteers were needed to help and Clare confirmed she would be working on this over the next few weeks.

9. To discuss the overgrown area of land located at the junction of Alexandra Road and Southfields Road and agree a course of action.

Clare had taken some photos of this area and circulated them to members. It was resolved to carry out a land registry search to ascertain who owns the land, in order that an approach could be made to the land owners.

Laura also advised that the now redundant St Lawrence's Care Home was becoming very tatty, as are other patches of land on Buller Road. Clare confirmed she would report these to Devon County Council and request action is taken. Frank confirmed that as a District Councillor he had already complained about these areas.



10. To discuss this Committee's aims and objectives for the next six years in order for them to be considered in the development of Crediton Town Council's Strategic Plan.
There were no further items to be included within the Strategic Plan.

11. Close
The meeting closed at 5.00pm

Signed



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Chairman

Dated 15/3/17.....