



**Crediton Open Space
Committee Meeting,
Wednesday 13th September 2017, at 4:00 pm**



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Councillors Present: Cllrs Mr F Letch (part meeting), Mr R Wright, Mrs E Brookes-Hocking,
Community Present: Laura Conyngham, Kendra Ezekiel,
In attendance: Clare Dalley, Town Clerk

1 To Elect a Committee Chairman for 2017 - 2018

It was **resolved** for Cllr Liz Brookes-Hocking to be the Committee Chairman for 2017-2018.

2 To Elect a Committee Deputy Chairman for 2017 - 2018

It was **resolved** for Kendra Ezekiel to be the Committee Deputy Chairman for 2017-2018.

3 To receive and accept apologies.

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4 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.

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 10th May 2017. It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Crediton Open Space Committee Meeting held on 10th May 2017, as a correct record.

6 Matters Arising

The Clerk advised that she had been contacting the Guinness Trust asking them to maintain their land at the corner of Queen Elizabeth Drive. Unfortunately, no work had been undertaken thus far. She would keep trying.

7 To consider supporting Westward Barbell to tidy up and plant the triangle of waste land behind the Royal Mail on the cut through between Hawkins Way and Mill Street. Further information had been issued with the agenda. Members supported Westward Barbell in tidying up the land. It was noted that no work had started on the area yet and Clare confirmed she would e-mail Westward Barbell for an update. The graffitied wall at Hawkins Way was discussed and members felt that it is unfair that residents must pay for the wall to be repainted. It was agreed for Liz to contact the residents Committee to gain an update on the repainting of the wall and to ascertain if they need any assistance.

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

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

Kendra advised that the logs are ready and she has been waiting to hear from Ross Andrews regarding moving them. Clare confirmed she would chase Ross and ask him to liaise with Kendra via e-mail.

- **The removal of the laurel hedge**

Clare advised that she had liaised with the neighbouring property, who had concerns regarding the removal of part of the laurel hedge which formed the boundary between their property and Peoples Park. Clare had re-assured the owner that it was only the laurel hedge situated in front of the cob wall that was being removed. The property owner was happy with this. The work will be undertaken in September/October. Members asked Clare to check what date the work is being undertaken.

Clare advised that she had received an e-mail from Ernest Jackson's Community Committee asking if the Town Council would be interested in a party of volunteers for a day to assist in any grounds maintenance. Members thought this was a very generous offer and Clare was asked to check if their staff would be available to help on Saturday 14th October 2017 (the next scheduled tidy-up day) and if so, how many people could help and for how long.

Liz expressed concern that each time she had visited the area the bird feeders were empty. Clare agreed to contact Sunflowers Day Nursery to check the situation.

Frank Letch joined the meeting 4.27 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

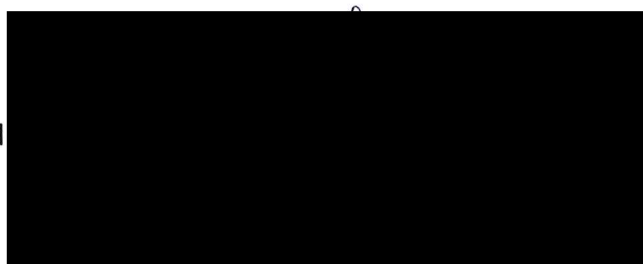
9 To agree/amend the Crediton Open Spaces booklet, detailing all open spaces within Crediton, and agree a course of action. A copy of the booklet had been issued with the agenda. Everyone thought it was terrific and congratulated Emma on putting it together. Laura had spotted a few typos and agreed to e-mail Clare and Emma so these could be rectified. It was agreed that the booklet needed to be widely promoted.

10 To consider supporting the Tree Charter by planting a Legacy Tree in Crediton. Further information regarding this item had been issued with the agenda. It was **resolved** to sign up to the Tree Charter and for Clare to make further enquiries regarding a Legacy Tree.

11 To consider where the Lucombe Oak tree sapling should be planted. It was **resolved** for Clare to contact Mid Devon District Council's (MDDC) Tree Officer for her expert advice on the best place to plant the sapling. Frank also offered to speak to Mr Joe Scully, Operations Manager at MDDC, to ascertain whether MDDC would agree to a sapling being planted on MDDC land, such as Newcombes Meadow.

12 Close
The meeting closed at 4.50 pm

Signed



Dated.....15/11/17.....