



Crediton Open Space
Committee Meeting,



Tuesday 18th November 2015, at 4:00 pm



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Present: Liz Brookes-Hocking, Jade Walters, Anne Hughes, Laura Conyngham and Kendra Ezekiel

In attendance: Clare Dalley, Town Clerk

11 To receive and accept apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Frank Letch

12 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

13 Peoples Park Wildlife Area Committee Minutes - To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Peoples Park Wildlife Area Committee Meeting held on 22nd September 2015.

It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the Peoples Park Wildlife Area Committee Meeting held on 22nd September as a correct record.

14 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

15 To review the Peoples Park Wildlife Area project including:

- **Actionable points from the last meeting**

- Clare confirmed the seed bird feeder had been purchased. It was **resolved** for both bird feeders to be securely mounted on a wooden T frame at the top of the wildlife area in the vicinity of the bug hotels. It was **resolved** for Clare to speak with Sunflower Day Nursery to see if they would be willing to look after the feeders and refill them.
- Clare advised that she still needed to write to the Co-op regarding its community fund policy.
- The bulbs had been purchased and planted on Saturday 14th November 2015.
- Clare advised that she would review Kendra's list regarding what other plants were needed for the area.
- Clare and Emma are researching rustic noticeboards and should hopefully have 3 quotes for consideration in the New Year.
- The Town Council has advised Mid Devon District Council that it wishes to lease Fulda Crescent, Greenways and Spinningpath Gardens.

- **Finances**

Clare advised there is £416.00 remaining in the wildlife area reserves fund. Clare also advised that a small provision for the upkeep of the area had been made in the Town Council's 2016-2017 budget.

Clare Dalley

- **Considering and agreeing further work required**

Kendra advised that the Its Your Neighbourhood judges had recommended a compost area and suggested this could be considered by the Committee in the spring.

All members present agreed that the laurel hedge required cutting back immediately and Clare confirmed she would arrange this with Hooper Services, who were already on contract for this work.

The possibility of removing the laurel hedge in the future was discussed, including the impact this may have on the cob wall. It was resolved for Clare to arrange a site meeting with a cob specialist to take advice on this issue with members of the Committee present.

16 **To discuss the land located to the west of Queen Elizabeth Drive and agree an action plan for its transformation.**

Clare and Liz advised members that the Town Council had recently agreed that the highway grass verges within Crediton needed to be maintained and as Devon County Council would now *only* maintain visibility splays, the costs would need to be met by the Town Council. Therefore, the land located to the west of Queen Elizabeth Drive will be cut 8 times in the financial year 2016-2017 and will be paid for by the Town Council.

In view of this the land located to the east of Queen Elizabeth drive was discussed as it is extremely overgrown contains grass and brambles and looks generally unmaintained and unloved. Several ideas were discussed of what could be done to tidy up the area as it is an important entrance to the town, however it was decided that further information is required before anything can be considered further.

Anne advised that she had spoken with Andrew Drayton at Tesco and they have offered to provide help in clearing the area.

It was resolved as follows:

- Members to carry out a site visit to familiarise themselves with the area.
- Clare to investigate who owns the land including, if necessary, a land registry search which should cost no more than £25.00.
- Clare to take photos of the area.
- Clare to obtain a scale map of the area.

17 **To identify and consider other areas within Crediton Town that may require attention in the future and where possible to agree a course of action.**

Anne suggested:

- The scrubby bit of land located at the bottom of Red Hill Cross. It was agreed for Clare to investigate who owns the land including, if necessary, a land registry search which should cost no more than £25.00.

Liz suggested:

- The leet, which runs adjacent to the road owned by Tesco needs cleaning as it is

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full of rubbish and could be a good community clean-up project for Tesco. It was resolved for members to carry out a site visit to familiarise themselves with the area and for Clare to take photos of the area.

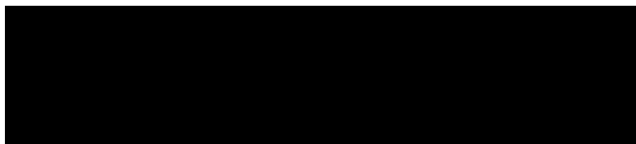
Kendra suggested:

- Making the High Street greener and would like a survey of the High Street to ascertain where planters etc. could be placed.
- The tarmac area in front of the Newcombes Meadow toilets.
- The bus shelter next to the Town's War Memorial.

18 Close

It was agreed for the next meeting to be in January 2016 at a date and time to be agreed.

The meeting closed at 5.11 pm



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