



HOCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Committee Members:**

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Cllr A Macpherson

Members of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee are hereby summoned to attend the Committee meeting to be held at The Old Fire Station, 58 Southend Road, Hockley on Thursday 7th September 2023 at 7.30 pm for the purpose of transacting the following business. Members of the press and public are welcome to attend.

K Hawkes

Karen Hawkes BSc (Hons)
Parish Clerk / RFO
3rd September 2023

AGENDA

1. Chair's opening remarks

2. Apologies for Absence

To report, approve and record apologies for absence.

3. Minutes

To approve minutes from the meeting dated 1st June 2023.

4. Declaration of Interest

To receive member's declarations of interests in items on the agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, s.31.

5. Public Participation Session

There will be 15 minutes available for this session where members of the public may speak regarding items on the agenda. A maximum of 3 minutes per speaker will be permitted.

6. Allotment

- i) Folly Lane Allotment site: Members to consider the report (to be circulated on Tuesday 5th September) detailing the current position with regard to the land detailed within the S106 agreement 15/00599/FUL
- ii) Provision of allotments within the Parish: members to consider the legal duty that the Council must consider providing allotments under the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908.
- iii) Committee to discuss and agree how to proceed with the Folly Lane Site.
Recommendation : An independent Allotment Society is formed to research into the Folly Lane site and other possible locations within the Parish , two Parish Councillors to be appointed as representatives on the allotment society and report back to the Environment and Open Spaces Committee.

7. Plumberow and Laburnum Play Space

- i) As requested the play spaces have not been locked since 8th August 2023, no reported vandalism or anti-social behaviour issues to date.
- ii) Committee to consider whether to cancel the contract to lock/unlock the playground which is due to expire in November 2023.

8. Open Space outside public toilets / bus shelter Southend Road

To consider possible options for the grass area outside of the public toilets, due to the current budget restrictions members would be encouraged to seek sponsorship for any proposals of works in this area.

9. Hedgehog Highway Project

Members to consider the request to participate in the nationwide Hedgehog project. Information attached to the agenda.

10. Purchase of Litter Burrow for Parish Warden

Members to note that Parish Warden will be assisting with localised street cleansing, The cost of the burrow is £1,600. Insufficient budget is available in the environment budget, members are required to authorise the overspend of the litter bins cost head to facilitate this expenditure. The burrow will also be used by the Community Engagement and Events to assist with street cleaning follow events.

11. Solar Lamp Columns

Councillor Martin requests that the Environment and Open Spaces Committee research into solar powered street lights. Clarification to be sort as towwhether this is for new installations or alterations to existing columns. An approximate cost of a new installation is £1,400 per column. Awaiting costings for existing columns.

12. Outsourced contracts

Members to note that the reviewed tender for the open spaces contract will be considered by Council on 11th September due to budget implications if areas of land not owned by the Parish Council is being incorporated within the tender document.

To enable costs to be incorporated in the 2024-2024 budget, deadline for tenders to be received by 27th October 2023.

13. Village Sign

No update at this time due to holiday period and current workload with other projects

14. Contractor's Report

To receive report on works undertaken since last meeting

15. Items for Next Agenda

16. Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held on 2nd November 2023