

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Open Spaces and Footpaths meeting
held in the Town Hall on
Tuesday 17th of September 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs P Lock (Chairman), D Barsby, T Campbell and R Douglas.

In Attendance: There were no members of the public present.

Apologies for Absence:

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Laughton, Tizzard, Gough and Howes.

Declarations of Interest:

2. There were no declarations of interest.

Adoption of the Minutes of the Open Spaces and Footpaths Committee held on Tuesday 16th July 2019.

3. The minutes were adopted without amendment.

The Somerset Strimmer Project:

4. Cllr Barsby explained that attending strimmer training was a mandatory precursor to operating the equipment on the Authority's footpaths. The committee agreed that the £65 cost of the training was a legitimate use of the training budget administered by the Clerk and approved the payment.

Tree Warden Report

5. The Tree Warden did not submit a report on this occasion.

Update on Footpaths and any Issues Arising

6. Cllr Barsby gave a comprehensive brief on the state of the footpaths around the village.

Other Verbal Reports:

7. Cllr Lock reported that:

- the plan for a proposed enhancement of the Cemetery was progressing and that he was intending to engage with relevant local organisations such as the Church to ascertain their views concerning what is appropriate.
 - he was liaising over the Ball Court wall with the neighbour to investigate the feasibility of coordinating necessary repairs to each party's property and sharing the costs of the scaffolding.
 - the Southern fence bounding the Community Woodland had still not been repaired. He wondered whether the time had come to raise the matter formally with the owner of the adjoining field. Cllr Douglas felt that this course of action was routine business that did not Council approval and agreed that he would draft a friendly note to be sent out under the Clerk's signature.
8. On a related matter, Cllr Douglas noted that he could not remember if the Council had instructed the repair of the Allotment/Playpark fence and that he would check on the status.

Date of Next Meeting

9. The date of the next Committee Meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 15th October 2019.

10. The meeting closed at 20:30pm

Signed

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