



Open Spaces Committee
Minutes of Meeting
held on Thursday 9th May 2024 at
Prestwood Community Centre, Nairdwood Lane, Prestwood, Bucks HP16 0QF

Public Forum: None.

Present: Councillor K Pither, Chair
Councillors: S Humphreys, R Pusey, T Stevenson, V Marshall

Also present: Jane Hennessy – clerk

OS24/11 Apologies
Cllrs C Hewett, C Bunting, C Bains, I Lovegrove
(Apologies received during the meeting for C Bains & I Lovegrove)

OS24/12 Declaration of interests
None

OS24/13 Minutes of the meeting of 1st February 2024 were signed following approval at the February 2024 full council meeting.

OS24/14 Matters arising

- The allotment tenant at Spurlands End Road has now taken half a plot (4B) and will clear all plants and equipment by 27th May.
- The recently planted saplings on Prestwood Common and Prestwood Rec have suffered from vandalism, either being pulled up or snapped off, there are very few remaining.
- A report has been received from the residents at Potter Row regarding the maple tree and their barn. It arrived too late for the open spaces agenda so has been added to the May council meeting.

OS24/15 Allotments

- 1. General Update** – the current occupancy was noted. Vacancies exist as follows:-
Ballinger – 5 full, 3 half
Chequers Lane – no vacancies
Greenlands Lane – 1 full
Nairdwood Lane – 1 half
Potter Row – no vacancies
Spurlands End Road – 1 full, 1 half
There are approximately 15 tenants who have not yet returned their new tenancy agreements and these are being chased up.
- 2. Allotment Liaison meetings – update from 28th March meeting** -Cllr Pither updated the committee on the recent meeting. All the sites agreed that it was too wet for vehicles at the moment. Cllr Pither advised reviewing it two weeks time. The next allotment liaison meeting is arranged for 26th June @ 3.30pm
- 3. Greenlands Lane – fencing – request for repairs – for further discussion** – it was agreed to recommend that the entire fencing was not in need of replacement but only certain posts and sections. Cllrs Pither and Humphreys will arrange a further visit to confirm the areas that need replacing and quotes will be obtained.
- 4. Nairdwood Lane – gate/fence – specifications to be agreed**
Fence – it was agreed to recommend concrete studs and for the existing posts to be re-used and fixed to the studs. Quotes to be obtained.
Gate – it has been confirmed that as the gate borders the footpath permitted development only allows for a 1 metre fence/gate otherwise a planning application

will be required. This will be passed on to the Nairdwood Lane Allotment Liaison Officer.

5. **Spurlands End Road – Request for fruit trees on unusable plot**– this request from a group of allotment holders was agreed for recommendation. Several tenants have agreed to maintain the fruit trees. It will need to be regularly reviewed and will require a revised tenancy agreement, with no deposit required and assurances that the trees will be maintained.
6. **Prestwood Nature Request for interpretation board – Kiln Common** – it was agreed to recommend one interpretation board to be installed adjacent to the pollinator friendly garden. It was noted that Prestwood Nature have £5 million Public Liability and it will be confirmed that this would cover the interpretation board. It was also noted that Prestwood Nature do not intend to insure the board itself against damage/theft.
7. **Prestwood Nature Request for open day – Kiln Common** – it was agreed to recommend that the request for an event on 9th June at Kiln Common was approved. If there is live music and a coffee van a copy of the Temporary Events Notice would be required, and a reminder that no BBQ's are allowed at Kiln Common.
8. **Prestwood Nature – Sheep wash Pond, Prestwood** – the request for a meeting with the parish council is recommended for the full council to approve. Cllrs Pither, Humphreys, Marshall volunteered to attend a meeting to discuss the future of the pond which is current on unregistered land.

OS24/16 Play Areas

1. **Update on playground repairs** – the update regarding all the moderate repairs have been carried out, with only the zip line outstanding which is due for June. The annual inspection will be carried out in July 2024. The new multiplay equipment at Buryfield and Prestwood Recreation Ground is being funded grants, CIL and earmarked reserves.
Further quotes are awaited for the wet pour surfacing under the Buryfield Toddler play area multiplay.
A request for all the play equipment to be cleaned was noted.
2. **Buryfield Multiplay equipment** – the completed installation was noted.
3. **Prestwood multiplay equipment** – the equipment and surfacing are installed and the final inspection is now awaited.
3. **Prestwood Common - Astro surfacing** – it was agreed to monitor the condition of the surfacing whilst obtaining quotes for alternative surfacing.
5. **Buryfield zip wire – replacement** – this is due for replacement w/c 17th June
6. **Buryfield Adventure Play area – proposal to reposition benches & purchase new Benches** – it was agreed to wait until the benches are reviewed in July and the installation of the path around Buryfield and then reconsider this proposal.

OS24/17 Open Spaces

1. **Buryfield & Prestwood Recreation Ground – paths** – the path at Prestwood Recreation Ground is due to start on Monday 13th May and the Buryfield path will start when this one is completed, approximately 5 or 6 weeks later.
2. **Tether down – hawthorn tree consultation – outstanding** – it was noted that this consultation is still outstanding.
3. **Request for flag pole** – it was agreed that careful consideration should be given to the locations for the two flag poles (one in Great Missenden and one in Buryfield).

All committee members were asked to suggest suitable locations to be considered at the next Open Spaces Meeting. Planning permission will then be required, along with quotes for the flagpoles and installation.

4. **Prestwood Recreation Ground – chain link fencing (Wrights Lane end)** – the gap in the chain link fencing was discussed. It was in this state when the lease was granted. An enquiry with Bucks Council will be made to see if there is permission for this access directly onto the Recreation Ground.

OS24/18 Cemetery – the update was noted. Including the increase in work to transfer the ownership of plots. There is no further update on the cemetery extension plans.

OS24/19 Phase 2 of Prestwood Common regeneration – Cllr Pither advised that once the path is installed on Prestwood Recreation Ground all the facilities across the Common and the Recreation Ground will be reviewed.

OS24/20 Any Other Business

- Cllr Pither confirmed that the recently distributed dates for the next Open Spaces Committee meetings were agreed for approval at the full council meeting.

The meeting closed at 4.45pm

Date of next meeting: 16th July 2024 4.30pm