

**MINUTES OF THE BOSA COMMITTEE MEETING
18th AUGUST 2021, 7.30PM AT THE MEMORIAL HALL**

Committee members in attendance: Cllr Bulbeck Reynolds, Cllr Billinge Jones, Cllr Noll, Cllr Bracey, Cllr Barry.

Members of the public: Bruce Laurie (Church Warden), Pierre Josling (Allotment Society).

Apologies: No Apologies.

12. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Cllr Barry was voted to the Chair unopposed. Cllr Bulbeck Reynolds was voted to Vice Chair unopposed. Cllr Bulbeck Reynolds agreed to remain as Chair for this meeting only.

13. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING TO BE APPROVED

The minutes of the last meeting on 25th May were unanimously approved but signing was deferred to the end of meeting (Post meeting note: a signed copy needs to be provided to the Assistant Clerk)

14. FINANCE REPORT

The Chair went through the financial report provided with the committee. There was an open discussion taking in the likely purposes and accuracy of various allocations and the reason for a £5K Burials precept, **Bruce Laurie** suggested this may be historic for church paths maintenance and grants. The committee decided on the following **Actions**:

- **Asst.Clerk** to provide the Clerk with relevant information for the Committed Expenditure column.
- **Bruce Laurie** to put forward a proposal outlining the requirements for paths and grants before the next BOSA meeting in October.
- **Asst.Clerk** to establish when the annual water bill comes in for the cemetery and how much it is.
- **Asst.Clerk** to establish when the cemetery refuse collection bill(s) come in and the amount(s).
- **Asst. Clerk** to establish whether and when a second playground inspection is due this year (Post meeting note: Yes, this should take place Nov/Dec).
- **Asst. Clerk** to establish status re. the missing dog bin in Upper Lambourn. Cllr Bracey proposed replacing it, Cllr Billing-Jones seconded, no objections or abstentions. (Post meeting note: The missing bin has not been located and it has already been replaced by WBC on the Clerk's instruction).
- **Asst. Clerk** to follow up with WBC on why the Dog waste collection of this bin was missed.

- **Cllr Billinge-Jones** proposed that he provide a specification to the Asst.Clerk for drainage works at The Old Cricket Field, Cllr Bracey seconded, no objections or abstentions. **Asst.Clerk** to obtain quotes once specification provided.
- **Asst.Clerk & Cllr Barry** to establish what additional cost lines are required within BOSA expenditure.
- **Asst.Clerk** to resend all quotes for work at Eastbury Furze to the committee.
- **All Committee Members** are required to have their proposals and budgets ready for discussion at the next BOSA meeting on 20th October.

15. BOSA TRACKER REVIEW

The Chair went through the status of items on the BOSA Tracker with members of the committee. Following discussion and exchange of information the committee decided on the following **Actions**:

- **Asst.Clerk** to obtain a land agent evaluation on the paddock next to the allotments by October. This year's Paddock Rental Agreement to be sent out in September at the existing fee.
- **Asst.Clerk** to write in response to a request to cut back and shape the fir tree at Upper Lambourn Cemetery so that it remains suitable for Christmas decorations. It was decided that this would not be possible without risking killing the tree.
- **Asst.Clerk** to chase dates for the Cemetery System upgrade and training.
- **Cllr Barry** to undertake a risk assessment of the paths and kerbing at Upper Lambourn Cemetery.
- **Asst.Clerk** To check with Pete Noll and see if a trial of a recycling bin at Upper Lambourn Cemetery is still possible and what would be involved.
- **Asst.Clerk** to contact the Racing Committee and update them regarding the Horse Track repairs item on the BOSA Tracker. Will Riggall of the Jockey Club Estate has looked at this and confirmed that it does not require any works.

16. CEMETERY

The committee addressed the request of Jack Walsh to reserve a plot in the unreserved section next to the grave of Sandra Anstees. Cllr Bracey proposed the request be allowed on the basis that precedents have been set, Cllr Noll seconded, Cllr Billinge-Jones objected on the basis that it may cause confusion for the contractors. Proposal passed.

Proposal that the committee fund a grave marker for the unmarked grave of Phoenix Jordan Paul Byford who died at 10 days old. The Chair brought the committee up to date on the history of this grave and other disputes concerning stillbirths. Between the Summons and the meeting, a possible free of charge marker had been arranged and the mother had been in touch to request that she be allowed to plant flowers where Phoenix is buried. On discussion it was decided that the current regulations do not allow for this but that these regulations should be discussed at the October 20th meeting. The committee decided on the following **Actions**:

- **Asst.Clerk** to write to Parris Gillespie (the mother) informing her that currently regulations do not allow for planting, that personal items placed on the grave will need to be removed but that LPC hope to provide a free grave marker. In addition, that there will be a fuller discussion of the cemetery regulations at the October 20th meeting.
- **All Committee Members** to study the existing Cemetery regulations and to provide feedback at the October 20th meeting.

17. MILL LANE RECREATIONAL GROUND

The Mill Lane Working group stated that they have had a preliminary meeting and discussion of potential works, including opening up the river, removal of hedge, new fencing, addition of a wildflower area and the repositioning of tables and chairs to areas outside the playground area. They committed to the following **Action**:

- **Mill Lane Working Group** to put together a proposal of works ready for the October 20th meeting
- **Asst.Clerk** to write in response to a complaint received about damage to a fence in the outdoor gym area of the Mill Lane playing field explaining that the issues raised will be included in the remit of the Mill Lane Working Group.

18. FAULKE WALWYN WAY

Cllr Bulbeck Reynolds confirmed that this is now with WBC for a members bid which the Jockey Club Estate will match fund. The committee should consider this item closed.

19. PLAYGROUNDS

After discussion the committee agreed that a sanitising wash for the playgrounds was no longer necessary and should be pushed to the next financial year as a standard pressure wash.

The Chair suggested that the youth of Lambourn are underserved by the available undercover outdoor seating at the Old Cricket Field, and by the lack of alternatives.

Action:

- **All Committee Members** to view the undercover seating area at the Old Cricket Field.
- **All Committee Members** to consider how and where LPC might make alternative/additional undercover seating available Suggestions to be put forward at the October 20th meeting.

20. MEMORIALS

21. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No items were suggested for future agenda.

Meeting ended 9.02pm

Clerk:

Date: 18/08/21