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Washington Parish Council Open Spaces (Recreation, Allotment, Footpaths and Conservation) Committee

MINUTES of Open Space (Recreation, Allotments, Footpaths and Conservation) Committee Meeting held on Monday 16th September 2024 at Washington Village Hall (Doré Room).

PRESENT: Cllr S Buddell, Cllr B Hanvey, Cllr T. Keech (Presiding Chairman), Cllr G. Lockerbie, Cllr J Luckin, Cllr A Perkins & Cllr A.Dillaway (Minutes)

ALSO: No members of the public.

ABSENT: Clerk to the Council Ms Z Savill, planned medical absence.

The Meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7:45pm

O/6/24/1 To Receive Apologies for absence
All present.

O/9/24/2 To Receive Declarations of Interest.
None received.

O/9/24/3 Minutes of the last meeting on 22nd April 2024
It was **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the minutes of the Open Spaces meeting on 17th June 2024, no meetings in July and August

O/9/24/4 Public Speaking
None.

O/9/24/5 To Report Actions and Matters Arising from the last meeting
No actions from last meeting

O/9/24/6 Allotment:
To review the annual 2025 rents and tenancy terms
Reports from the Allotment Stewards and the Clerk were previously circulated and discussed.

The Committee **RESOLVED** the following:

- After consideration of the annual CPI levels it was agreed and accepted that a rate of 2.2% would be applied to the tenancy rents:
 - o Full plot will rise from £32.81 to £33.53 an increase of £0.72 p.a.
 - o Half plot will rise from £16.40 to £16.76 an increase of £0.36 p.a.

- It was agreed that clerk would research and respond to council with a clear definition of the councils obligations, responsibilities and if required the specifications regarding the perimeter fencing request. It was suggested that other PC's could be consulted.

- It was approved that Plot 6 could relocate a shed and water butt at their own cost

- After considering Plot 6's request for the provision of a skip, Cllr B Harvey proposed that the clerk write and seek alignment / agreement that all tenants agree to work together to efficiently make best use of said skip on an agreed date and in same location as before, for a limited period of time. If agreed, the Council would consider funding the skip.

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First Extension Graveyard:

An inspection report of the graveyard was reported to the meeting. It was agreed that no further actions was required prior to receiving the quotes from the clerk for the gate repairs that have already been requested.

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Recreation Ground

It was resolved that the clerk would approve in writing the storage of two football goals with the following conditions:

- o No liability on the council
- o Goals to be secured to the fixed posts and not the chain link fencing

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Safety Inspections

Temporary arrangements for weekly safety inspections on the Recreation Ground, Play Area, MUGA (Multi Use Games Area and the two defibrillators were agreed: one opposite Pixies Corner, Hampers Lane and one outside main entrance of Village Hall:

- o 23rd September - Cllr J Luckin
- o 30^t September - Cllr J Luckin
- o 7th October - Cllr B Harvey
- o 14th October - Cllr B Harvey / Cllr A Perkins

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Any other urgent Open Space, Recreation & Allotment and Footpaths and Conservation issues that may arise.

None raised.

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Date and Time of next OSRA Meeting: Monday 18th November 7:45pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:25pm. .

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