

LITTLEPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee Meeting held in The Barn on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillor C W Webber  
Councillor S Green  
Councillor D Jordan  
Councillor J J B Lee  
Councillor L Malkin  
Councillor G Norman

Also present the Clerk

OPS16/1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:  
No public present.

OPS16/2 APOLOGIES AND ABSENCES:  
Cllr P M Cox – apologies  
Cllr C M Ambrose Smith, Cllr S D Kerridge – absent

OPS16/3 DECLARATIONS:  
Cllr G Norman in relation to item OPS16/6 – 1 Ely Road.  
Cllr C Webber in relation to item OPS16/7 – End Polio Campaign bulbs

OPS16/4 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:  
Cllr G Norman was nominated by Cllr J Lee and seconded by Cllr Webber.  
Cllr G Norman was duly elected to serve as Chairman of this Committee for the forthcoming year.

OPS16/5 ALLOTMENT OF THE YEAR AWARD:  
Following a tour of the Allotments earlier in the evening it was unanimously agreed that the holder of Plot 13, Mr Turner, be awarded Allotment of the Year 2016. The Committee felt that Mr Turner should be awarded the prize as he had used a variety of diverse growing mediums/habitats and traditional methods.  
During the tour of the Allotments the Committee were disappointed to observe that a proportion of the plots were in a very poor state of upkeep and appeared to be untended. Due to the Parish Council still having a waiting list for Allotments it was agreed that the Clerk would write to those holders concerned to remind them of their obligations under their tenancy agreements (Clause 4(3)(ii) – one month's notice will be served upon the tenant to vacate if the plot falls below the expected standard).

OPS16/6 LAND ADJACENT 1 ELY ROAD:  
Following an inspection of this area earlier in the evening it was AGREED that the area be turned into a "pocket park" for the use of the public. To this end quotes to be obtained to purchase a picket fence which will be erected on the left hand side of the area, the hedge to be parted to provide an entrance and the bench re-sited to the side of the entranceway.

OPS16/7 END POLIO CAMPAIGN:  
Cllr C Webber explained to the Committee that 50,000 purple crocus bulbs had been purchased by the Rotary Club to mark the End Polio Campaign. It is hoped that within 12 months the incidence of

polio will have been eradicated worldwide. Cllr Webber informed the Committee that 20,000 of the bulbs were going to be planted in Little Downham, 5,000 at the Woodland Garden, 5,000 at the Church and Cllr Webber wished to enquire whether the Parish Council would be willing to allow the residue of the bulbs to be planted on some of the Council's open spaces.

Various sites were suggested which included: around the lantern, at the picnic area, around the storage unit on Ely Road, the new pocket park at 1 Ely Road, around the village signs, along the riverbank.

The Committee's acceptance of the request to be put to full Council on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 for ratification with the aim to enlist volunteers plant the bulbs in October 2016.

Signed:

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Chairman

Dated:

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