

Thurcaston & Cropston Parish Council
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Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Friday 3rd September 2021 at 9.30am in the Memorial Hall, Anstey Lane, Thurcaston.

Present: Chair Cllr Sue Graham, Cllr Matt Green, Cllr Michael Jackson & Neil Pilcher.
Also Present: Clerk, Marianne Lane

1. **Apologies** – To receive apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given . **Apologies received from Cllr Sylvia Cole, Cllr Adrian Jarvis & Jamie Torrance. Accepted.**
2. **Declarations of Interest** - To receive Declarations of Interest both pecuniary and non-pecuniary on agenda items. **None**
3. **Public Participation** – 15 minutes set a side for residents to raise issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration. **No public present**
4. **Terms of Reference** - Open Spaces Committee Terms of Reference. **Received and noted.**
5. Overview of Open Spaces in Thurcaston & Cropston and to discuss future projects. **Future projects as below discussed and agreed that any other projects to be considered at a later date. Reinstating meadow in 2nd half of cemetery suggested as future project.**
6. **Sandham Bridge/Sheepwash Bridge** - to consider ongoing maintenance i.e. mowing, strimming etc on areas surrounding the bridges that is owned by the Parish Council. To consider restoring pond under Sheepwash bridge and any other issues. **Committee members to meet at Sandham Bridge to consider and discuss moving forward with reinstating Sheepwash pond and general maintenance of area owned by the Parish Council.**
7. **Jubilee Park** – to receive updates on biodiversity project request to Charnwood Borough Council. To consider additional mowing outside mowing season (April – September incl.) to ensure field is accessible to use during winter months. **Committee still waiting for Charnwood Borough Councils agreement to proposed biodiversity project on the park. Also to put forward to next Parish Council meeting, additional mowing of football area only outside of the mowing season.**
8. **Centre for Nature and Society (Sustainable Land Trust)** – consider registration of interest and involvement in Pilot Project. Committee **agreed to register interest but to add caution to any involvement in a pilot project.**
9. Date and time of next OS committee meeting. **Next meeting Friday December 3rd at 9.30am in Memorial Hall, Anstey Lane, Thurcaston.**

Meeting closed at 10.45am

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