

**Thurcaston & Cropston Parish Council Memorial Hall,
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**Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting on Friday 2nd September 2022 at
9.30am in the Memorial Hall, Anstey Lane, Thurcaston.**

Present: Chair Cllr Sue Graham, Cllr Matt Green, Cllr Sylvia Cole, Cllr Michael Jackson, Neil Pilcher and Clerk – Marianne Lane.

1. Apologies – To receive apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given. **Apologies received from Cllr Andy Sharp and Jamie Torrance.**
2. Declarations of Interest - To receive Declarations of Interest both pecuniary and non-pecuniary on agenda items. **None**
3. To approve minutes of 24th June 2022 Extraordinary meeting. **Resolved to approve as a true record.**
4. Public Participation – 15 minutes set aside for residents to raise issues on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration. **No Public**
5. Members reports if any. **Cllr Michael Jackson reported on explosion on Reservoir Rd.**
6. Sandham Bridge and Mill Race Bridge updates and moving forward. To discuss and agree mowing/strimming of area of land owned by Parish Council. **Cllr Sylvia Cole gave detailed update on work being carried out on Sandham Bridge by James Rowley. Maintenance is still ongoing. Mill Race Bridge and pond completely dry, Willow Tree needs removing as a matter of urgency. Mowing of council owned land to be undertaken by Roger Dixon of the Paddock Group and any other work to be undertaken by working party.**
7. Wildflower Verge – to consider next steps with Wildflower Verge on Leicester Road in Cropston. **Neil Pilcher has agreed to scythe the area soon and take away cuttings. He will also sow Yellow Rattle seeds.**
8. Jubilee Park – to discuss ideas from parishioners on way forward for enhancing Jubilee Park and to discuss and confirm details for the unveiling of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Oak Tree. **Parish Council has had plenty of response from parishioners regarding proposed enhancement of park. Many good comments and a some concerns. All views taken into account and all are very welcome.**
“NO DOGS ALLOWED” signage on main gate into park to be removed by resolution of the council.
“DOGS ON LEADS WELCOME” signage to be installed on main gate by resolution of the council. Cllr Michael Jackson opposed this.
By resolution of council, signage “No Camping” and old Noticeboard to be removed from Jubilee Park.
Cllr Sylvia Cole to organise date for the commemoration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee Oak Tree planting with Richard Hill School. Proposed date 26th October 2022.

**Wooden plaque to be obtained with wording “In commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. T & C Parish Council 2022”
Clerk to invite Mayor of Charnwood to the ceremony once date has been confirmed.**

- 9. Future Agenda Items. **Jubilee Park, Sandham Bridge and Mill Race Bridge/Pond.**
- 10. To agree date and time of next OS committee meeting. **Next committee meeting 2nd December 2022**

Meeting closed at 11.20am

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