

**Thurcaston & Cropston Parish Council Memorial Hall,  
Anstey Lane, Thurcaston. LE7 7JA.**

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**Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at  
9.30am in the Memorial Hall, Anstey Lane, Thurcaston.**

**Present: Chair Cllr Sue Graham, Cllr Matt Green, Cllr Michael Jackson, Cllr Sylvia Cole, Clerk, Marianne Lane**

1. Apologies – To receive apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.  
**Apologies received from Neil Pilcher and Jamie Torrence.**
2. Declarations of Interest - To receive Declarations of Interest both pecuniary and non-pecuniary on agenda items. **Cllr Sylvia Cole declared an interest in agenda item 6 as she is a co-owner of the surrounding land.**
3. To approve minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 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. **NONE**
5. Clerks Report – **Clerk reported work to start on repair of Sandham Bridge 1<sup>st</sup> week of August 2022**
6. Sandham Bridge and Mill Race Bridge updates if any. **Clerk to contact James Rowley (bridge repairers) to see how long it will take for the repairs to be undertaken and if public footpath needs closing. If this is the case, LCC needs contacting to grant permission. Chair Cllr Sue Graham thanked Matt Green for the building of the bug hotel at the Mill Race Bridge and asked if possible to drill holes into the logs for bees etc. Area surrounding Mill Race Bridge (fence) needs strimming as getting overgrown. Lots of tadpoles in pond and the Iris growing looks great. Diverting signs need removing.**
7. Wildflower Verge – to receive report from Naturespot following their visit on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. **Report received and Cllr Sue Graham advised that Peter Smith of the History society will be keeping a close eye on the wildflower verge and will put reports in the local parish magazine. Plenty of species observed.**
8. Consider creating a “Parish Trail” involving the Local History society, incorporating Sandham Bridge and Coffin Bridge in a footpath circuit between the two villages which could be named Thurcaston and Cropston Parish Council Platinum Jubilee Trail? **Members agreed with idea of a Parish Trail booklet.**
9. Jubilee Park – to consider moving forward with projects. **Moving forward with the project deferred until next meeting. 13 children of Richard Hill Primary School in Thurcaston sent in their drawings of what they would like to see in Jubilee Park. The 2 winners will be presented with prizes and all children will be invited to the planting of the Oak Tree ceremony in Jubilee Park in the autumn.**
10. To agree date and time of next OS committee meeting. **To be confirmed.**

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