

**Thurcaston & Cropston Parish Council Memorial Hall,  
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**Minutes of Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 at  
9.30am.**

**Present: Chairman Cllr Sue Graham, Cllr Michael Jackson, Cllr Sylvia Cole & Clerk Marianne Lane**

1. Apologies – To receive apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given. Received from Matt Green 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 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 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 Present.
5. **Jubilee Park** – to receive and discuss quotations for the repair and replacement of play equipment in the playground. **Resolved** to approve quotation for supply of equipment from Wicksteed and quotation for fitting from JT Fencing & Landscaping with Cllr Cole abstaining.
6. **Jubilee Park Biodiversity Project** discuss progress with the meadow areas, mowing regime and quotations for information boards which we will need to make a decision on. **Resolved** to accept quotation from JT Fencing & Landscaping if Anstey Alpacas unable to mow for hay with Cllr Cole abstaining. Resolved to accept quotation from Soar Valley Press for supply of 5 Information Boards.
7. **Leicester Road/Latimer Road Planter** – to consider removing planter from wildflower verge as swamped by verge being left uncut. Consider placing elsewhere subject to approval and licence (£50) from LCC Highways. Deferred whilst members inspect alternative area but in meantime request JT Fencing & Landscaping to remove planter, repair and keep until decision on siting is confirmed.
8. **Mill Race Bridge/Pond/Rothley Brook** – Clerk to contact Environment Agency regarding fallen tree in Rothley Brook, branch overhanging Sandham Bridge to be monitored. Cllr Sue Graham sorting out ways to remove Willow Tree in Mill Race Bridge Pond.
9. **Grass verges** – to discuss if Parish Council should consider taking over grass verge mowing for 2024 and cost implications. Unanimously resolved for LCC to continue mowing verges in 2024.
10. **Ground Maintenance** - Propose moving into closed session due to confidential nature to discuss Ground Maintenance Contract for 2024. **Resolved** to delegate this back to Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 11am.

Chairman.....Date.....