

Dr. June Chatfield confirmed that there will be a 2 year timescale for the decommissioning of the site and that she is working closely with Coors on behalf of the Northern Wey Trust and Cllr Mrs Jones confirmed that she is the councillor representative on the Northern Wey Trust.

032 Naming of Public Open Space at Barley Fields

Members of the public had been invited to put forward suggestion for the yet to be acquired new public open space at Barley Fields (formerly known as Chandos Lodge). Members considered the 24 responses received but agreed further work be undertaken before a decision is made. Councillor Mrs Jones advised that it is the 10th anniversary of the Twinning Association and a connection with our twinned town of Pertuis could be a consideration and Cllr Voller requested that the Holybourne Village Association be consulted. Pending further consultation, on the proposal of Councillor Mrs Jones, seconded by Councillor Mrs Cullen, it was

RESOLVED

To defer a decision on the naming of the public open space at Barley Fields.

033 Open Space Tree Works

Members received a report of the tree works that had been undertaken following the receipt of the Open Spaces Tree Survey reports. Following recommended felling of trees at Flood Meadows the Amery Hill Residents Association had approach Councillor Bayliss with a suggestion to undertake carvings on the four tree stumps that remain. A theme of “ducks” had been suggested by a local wood sculptor and members who agreed in principle with the stumps being sculptured wished to consult the Amery Hill Residents Association and seek their views on the suggested theme. On the proposal of Councillor Gardner, seconded by Councillor Voller it was

RESOLVED

To defer a decision on the sculpturing of tree stumps at Flood Meadows pending consultation with the Amery Hill Residents Association.

034 Allotment Update

Members received an Allotment Update report. Four new tenants had taken up the offer of plots and one response was still awaited. The waiting list was now down to 27, 11 new names being added in 2015. Initial plot inspections had taken place and letters sent to plot holders whose plots were not up to the required standard. The next inspections are to be undertaken on 9th June. Councillor Bayliss noted the excellent work undertaken by Mrs Brown in managing the allotment waiting list. The acquired storage container is shortly to be installed at the Spitalfields/Wooteys site with the Grounds Manager finalising arrangements.

NOTED

035 Grounds Manager’s Report

The Grounds Manager’s report was received. Members were advised that wicket scores for the 1st Team scores on the relayed half of the No. 1 wicket were disappointingly low but it was equally acknowledged that a low bounce is a feature of relayed wickets. The Chairman questioned what had happened to the nets along the hedgerow, adjacent to the road which

prevented balls rolling into the road. The Grounds Manager reported that Alton Cricket Club had purchased a new net which had been put in place for the start of the cricket season. Councillor Bayliss requested costings be made available on Ecological Surveys required at Windmill Hill, Flood Meadows and Kings Pond. Councillor Voller and Dr. June Chatfield both offered their assistance in providing contacts.

NOTED

036 Catering at Jubilee Playing Fields

The committee received a report on the initial trial of allowing mobile catering facilities at Jubilee Playing Fields on weekends during the football season. Feedback received had been complimentary and there had been no complaints either on the service provided or any problems associated with litter. In acknowledging the success of the trial members agreed that agreement to the continuation of catering facilities be given for a further period of one year. On the proposal of Councillor Mrs Jones, seconded by Councillor Gardner, it was

RESOLVED

- (i) To approve the continuation of the mobile catering facilities at Jubilee Playing Fields for the forthcoming 2015/16 season**
- (ii) To levy a fee of £500 to cover the season payable in two instalments**

037 Finance Report to 31st May 2015

The committee received a report on income and expenditure to the year end 31 May 2015.

NOTED

038 Miscellaneous Updates

The committee received updates on the Six Hills Walk, Flood Meadows Steering Group, Kings Pond Environmental Works and Footpath Wardens. Councillor Bayliss and Councillor Mrs Jones both extended their willingness to be the council's representatives on the Flood Meadows Steering Group.

NOTED

039 Exclusion of the press and public

On the proposal of Councillor Mrs Jones, seconded by Councillor Mrs Cullen, it was

RESOLVED

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded.

040 Security Patrols 2015

Members were advised that PCSO patrols had commenced in April for the 2015 season and received the first report from the police. Members were keen that additional patrols be requested at Anstey Park and to seek police views on the locking of the public gardens with a report to the next meeting.

NOTED

041 Staff resources

At the last meeting of the Open Spaces Committee, councillors resolved to recommend to the Staffing Sub Committee that a review should be undertaken of the workload, staff structure and skills of the grounds team. The new Town Clerk is not due to take up her duties until 20th July and members agreed that it would be prudent to defer the decision to review the grounds team until the new town clerk took up office. On the proposal of Councillor Mrs Jones, seconded by Cllr Voller it was

RESOLVED

To defer the review of the Grounds Team until the new Town Clerk took up office.

042 Car Park Facilities at Hawthorn Allotment Site

The committee reviewed the three quotes which had been received to provide permanent car parking facilities at the Hawthorn Allotment Site. This project had been on-going since 2012 but due to budget restraints each year had been deferred. Members discussed at length the merits of the location of the car parking facilities seeking further discussion with the Allotment Association and confirmation of any planning constraints regarding sky line before any decision is made. On the proposal of Councillor Mrs Jones, seconded by Cllr Voller it was

RESOLVED

To defer a decision on car park facilities at Hawthorn Allotment Site.

The meeting finished at 8.54 pm.
