



Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee

Held on 6th November 2023 at 10am in The Parish Office

Present: Cllr T Simkin (in the Chair), Cllr K Ingram, Cllr L Pearson and Jayne Cooper

Public Open Forum - no members of the public were in attendance.

1. To receive apologies and record absences

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A Mills

2. To record any declarations of interest.

As a professional dog groomer, working in Gnosall, Cllr Pearson declared an interest in any discussions about the dog exercise area.

3. To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2023

It was agreed to carry forward the approval of the minutes to the next meeting.

4. To consider any matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

Carried forward.

5. To agree the date and time of the next meeting .

To be confirmed.

To exclude members of the public whilst confidential information is discussed

6 To consider budget requirements for 2024/25

The budget headings were reviewed alongside expenditure to date.

- Projects for 2024 may include the creation of a dog exercise area should that be agreed when Business Plan meetings are held. Costings are being obtained as well as whether it is possible to have an enclosure on a Village Green.
- It was also agreed to separate grass cutting/maintenance expenditure as detailed in the current contract with JWH Ground Maintenance on The Acres, The Wold, The Chippy Jumps, Village Green, Moreton Green and the Burial Ground. It was noted that maintenance expenditure on the Burial Ground exceeds income and this would be discussed further at a Burial Ground meeting to be held on 13th November.
- Tree inspection/maintenance to remain at £3000
- ROSPA inspection to increase to £350
- Brown Bin fee for Burial Ground to remain at £72
- Open Spaces Maintenance to remain at £12,000
- Water for both the allotments and burial ground to remain at £500 each
- Allotment fees were agreed at £42 for a full plot and £21 for a half plot.

Budget proposals were agreed and would be presented to Resources Committee to consider when deciding the precept for 2024/24.