

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE of THAXTED PARISH COUNCIL
held in the GUILDHALL on THURSDAY 25th APRIL 2019 at 8PM

PRESENT:

Committee Members: Cllr. W.Brazier (Chairman), Cllr Alison Howells (Vice Chairman) Cllr. T. Frostick, Cllr. R. Williams, Cllr. D. Morgan, Cllr. A. Frater

Other Councillors: Cllr. V. Knight, Cllr. J Spencer

Clerk: Dena Ludford and 1 member of the Public:

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J Miller
Cllr A Wattebott.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None received .

3. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

Cllr Knight wishes to add to the next agenda to discuss moving the gate in Bolford street hall and hang the gate so that it opens in the other direction.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Open Spaces meeting of the Committee held on **18TH OCTOBER 2018.**

5. JUBILEE GRADENS

To allow the vice chairman to initiate a discussion with others outside of this meeting as to what may happen to this area post contractor exit, and to formulate a proposal/s and to present proposal at the next meeting.

The chairman reminds this committee that we mooted to the surgery that parking provisions may be extended after the work has been completed, however the contractor's obligation is to return this area to its previous glory. Cllr Frostick reminds this committee that there is water situated underground and this would be ideal if it were made accessible after the works have been completed, Cllr Frostick also states that the flower bed would not be necessarily ideally replaced as it was, or the signage. Cllr Howells agrees and wishes to gain the views of this committee on the old flower bed. The Chairman states that the old flower bed failed to yield anything, and the soil is not ideal. Cllr Howells discusses the hedge being replaced and Cllr knight tables a suggestion of a new bench possibly a circular one to be situated around the existing tree.

Cllr Frostick proposes that the vice chairman, clerk and chairman come up with a design and discusses this with those involved and present back to the council with a plan. Cllr Frostick's proposal received unanimous agreement.

6. MARGARET STREET GARDENS

To **NOTE** the continuing and improved works.

And to receive a verbal update in connection to future proposed works.

Trees have been reduced in size and there is some work needed on the fence to the rear which needs replacing, the Clerk is in the process of acting on this item.

A suggestion would be to Remove the camera from the pole situated within this area – The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TBA

Chairman Initial