



Minutes of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee meeting of East Hunsbury Parish Council held on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024** at 6.00pm at Blacky More Community Centre.

Present: Cllr B Burnell, Cllr M Campbell, and Cllr D Lewis

Also present: Mrs C Holgate (Clerk)

Item no	
PSC24/021	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Apologies were received from: Cllr Draper, Cllr Firman, Cllr Moore, Cllr Soan, and Cllr Perry It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the apologies.
PSC24/022	<b>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b> The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 (copies of which being folios 15-16 having been previously circulated) were approved as a true record.
PSC24/023	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> No declarations of interest were received.
PSC24/024	<b>Consultations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The draft consultation to residents on parks and open spaces was approved.</li> <li>• It was <b>AGREED</b> that Cllr Burnell be appointed as the parish council representative for the Local Nature Recovery Strategy being carried out by West Northants Council.</li> </ul>
PSC24/025	<b>Park and Path Audits</b> The following issues were noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Path from Osprey Rise into Penvale Park is being damaged – humps and craters being created for mountain biking.</li> <li>• The 5-bar gate (Penvale Park, Hilldrop Road top entrance) needs repair as the post is damaged and loose – fencing and hand gates need replacement.</li> <li>• The fencing either side of the 5-bar gate (Grangewood Park, Hilldrop Road) is missing and needs replacing.</li> <li>• Remedial works to Grangewood Park path are required.</li> <li>• Footbridges in Grangewood Park need anti-slip covering.</li> </ul>
PSC24/026	<b>Park Management Plans</b> The park management plans were reviewed, and changes were noted. The Action Plans were approved.
PSC24/027	<b>Policies</b> The following policies were reviewed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity Policy</li> <li>• Parks and Open Spaces Assets Policy</li> <li>• Playground Inspection and Maintenance Policy</li> </ul> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the policies.
PSC24/028	<b>Tree Harvest</b> Information was received about the plans for a tree harvest in Grangewood Park, working with CA-WN. Trees will be used for Penvale Park flood mitigation and remaining trees available for residents.
PSC24/029	<b>Costs of Maintenance</b>

	Members received information about the expected costs for maintenance of the parks and open spaces owned by, or in the process of being transferred to, the parish council. The council is aware of its obligation to take over maintenance in 2028.
PSC24/030	<b>Budget</b> There was a discussion around the budget for 2025/26.
	<b>Close</b> The meeting closed at 6.45pm

Next meeting of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

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