

Parks & Open Spaces Committee

28th February 2024

To: All members of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee

Councillors R Hailstone (Chair), S Heyes (Vice Chair) J Ali, Ellen Baker-Walker, A Jimmy, A John, V Manro, O Munagala, P Park, R Ross and R Worman

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to a Parks & Open Spaces Committee meeting of Haydon Wick Parish Council on Tuesday 5th March 2024 to be held at the Parish Council Offices, Thames Avenue, Haydon Wick, Swindon, SN25 1QQ at 7.30pm.

Members are politely asked to forward any questions or queries relating to items on the agenda to the Clerk at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Swindon Borough Council Ward Members, the public and press are also invited. Any questions for the public participation must be sent to clerk@haydonwick.gov.uk no later than 12.00pm on Monday 4th March 2024.

Yours sincerely,

Georgina Morgan-Denn

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Chief Officer/Clerk & RFO

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
To receive and note.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
To receive any Declarations of Interest.
3. **Public Participation**
A period not exceeding 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments.
4. **Chairman's Announcements (if any)**
5. **Minutes of the Previous Meetings**
To accept and approve the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 9th January 2024 (attached).
6. **Seven Fields**
To receive a verbal update on matters arising from Seven Fields.
7. **Head of Parks & Open Spaces Report**
To receive an update in relation to work scheduling, team objectives and any matters arising (attached).
8. **Deputy Clerk & Services Manager's Report**
To update on issues and actions since the last meeting that do not appear on the agenda.



- 9. Councillor Reports**
To receive reports from members on attendance at external meetings or events and an opportunity for members to bring matters of interest to the attention of the Council for information or future discussion.
- 10. Parks & Open Spaces Maintenance Schedules**
 - A. To receive an update on the planned maintenance schedules (attached).
 - B. To create a Working Party to monitor the Grounds Maintenance.
- 11. Pocket Forest Creation - Next Steps**
To receive an update on the creation of Pocket Forests at Grace Walk (attached).
- 12. Grass Cutting Audit**
To receive an overview of the grass cutting service last season and plans for the upcoming season (to follow).
- 13. Leisure Garden Plot Holders Communication Responses**
To receive an update on actions completed and suggestions for improved communications following the November 2023 consultation with Plot Holders (to follow).
- 14. Parks & Projects Team Update**
To receive an update on works recently completed and upcoming by the Parks & Projects Team (attached).
- 15. Play Area Working Party**
To receive an update on the status of the current play areas and recommendations for purchasing equipment utilising current and future budget allocations (to follow).
- 16. Haydonleigh Skate Park**
To receive an update on Haydonleigh Skate Park opening times and lighting (attached).
- 17. Parks & Open Spaces Grounds Maintenance Facility**
To receive a verbal update on the progress of the Grounds Maintenance Facility.
- 18. Biodiversity Pledge**
To receive an update on the Council's Biodiversity Pledge and how this meets the objectives set within the Community Led Plan (attached).
- 19. Operational Budget Monitoring**
To note the Parks & Open Spaces Income and Expenditure for Month 10 (attached).
- 20. Items for the Next Agenda**
To be sent to the Chief Officer in advance of the next meeting on 5th March 2024.
- 21. Exclusion of Public & Press**
To resolve in accordance with Standing Order 3 (d) that 'in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted and in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they be instructed to withdraw'. Reason: Contractual and Staffing.
- 22. Grounds Maintenance Facility**
To consider a recommendation from the Grounds Maintenance Facility Working Party to authorise to sign the JCT Design & Build contract for the Haydon Wick Grounds Maintenance Facility at Old Blunsdon Road, Haydon Wick, Swindon, SN25 1QL (to follow).



23. Probationary Service

To note that the Council will be using the Probationary Service for aspects of maintenance at Tadpole Field.

24. Permissive Path – Tadpole Field

To receive a proposal about creating a permissive path through Tadpole Field (to follow).

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation), Crime and Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

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