

USRA Committee Meeting Minutes

June 12th 2023

5.00pm Village Hall

Present

Ian Storey (IS, Chair)

Iris Morgan (IM), Georgia Moore (GM), Gordon S Moore (GSM).

Tim Buxton (TB) from 6.15pm

Invited guests from USPC Kim Kupfer and Cathy Ridge (non-voting)

1. **Apologies** There were none.
2. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 14th April for approval**
Approved and signed by IS.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - The IKEA unit for the kitchen has now been fitted, thanks were given to Steve Ball for arranging and installing.
 - The Play Park insurance has now been added to the existing USRA policy.
 - Consent has been received from the CIC regulator as a precursor to the proposed transfer of assets to USPC meaning the legal process can now go ahead.
5. **Hall Update**
 - Consideration was given whether to accept new hall bookings both one off and regular. With a continuing lack of hall volunteers, it was decided to only take regular booking until new volunteers can be found. Advertising for new volunteers will be carried out. It was however agreed to accept a one-off booking from the Notts Wildlife Trust due to their help with the open gardens. **Action GM**
6. **Upper Saxondale Parish Council**
 - The Inaugural Annual Council Meeting took place on the 18th May.
7. **Financial Update**
 - Income is significantly reduced as a result of the cessation of monthly subscriptions from members.
 - It was agreed to transfer cash assets to USPC, see item 9.
8. **Tennis Update**
 - The demossing solution has now been applied to the courts.
 - Cathy Ridge's offer to be part of a proposed tennis club working group was accepted.
9. **Land Update**
 - The hand over from ROTPC to USPC has resulted in the play area grass not being cut, this will be rectified and cutting will begin again as soon as possible. **Action TB**
 - USRA solicitors and DWH solicitors are now in touch with each other concerning the land transfer.
It was proposed that:

All assets of USRA are transferred to USPC to include land, hall, tennis courts, fruit orchard, play area, woodland and nature trail and cash assets including sinking funds for the hall and tennis courts. Proposed by GM, Seconded by IS. All in Favour. Passed.

- An arrangement agreed between DWH and USRA will be closely monitored by USRA before any land transfer takes place. Main items included in this arrangement are that DWH will;
Resurface the back road from Serpentine Close end up to the car park and repair any other identified parts of the road (September).
Bring the pergolas up to a good standard of repair (work has been delayed due to bat surveys taking place. So far, no bats have been detected and a start date of August is anticipated).
Fill in remaining tunnels, underneath park land, with foam concrete.
- The footbridge off Henson Lane leading into the fruit orchard needs replacing. It was agreed to obtain a price for a new bridge to include a double plank width and a hand rail. **Action KK**
A warning sign to be installed when leaving the orchard indicating traffic /road on exiting.
Action IM
- Repairs to equipment at the play park were approved and a quote from Streetwise accepted.
Action GM
- Removal of a rotten Poplar tree on the back road has taken place.
- Maintenance of planter beneath notice board has been taken on by the Planter Pixies Fay Harrison and Kirsty Lord. Many thanks go to both Fay and Kirsty.
- It was decided to install a bench in the main fruit orchard to commemorate the King's Coronation. Funding will be sought from Borough and County Councillors. **Action GM**
- DWH will not be carrying out any further tree surveys with future ones being the responsibility of USPC. DWH have stated that there are only 4 trees of concern which will need further inspection in 2026. It will be the PC's responsibility to decide when to carry out the next survey.

10. Correspondence

- A resident has been in touch concerning a tree, on DWH land, growing against their fence. The resident is concerned about the size of the tree and has approached USRA for advice. USRA to contact the resident. **Action IM**
- A resident has asked a question about the hedge to the right at the top of Saxondale Drive, "Will the hedge that was hedge layed be trimmed (out of bird nesting season) in order to keep it in good order before it becomes unmanageable?"
It was agreed to have the hedge trimmed. **Action KK**
- A resident has asked that DWH land contractors do not use weedkiller.
It was agreed, with the land transfer relatively close, not to confuse the many issues we have by making more requests. Once the land handover has taken place and the PC are in control of all areas this would be revisited as a request.
- Litter, including cigarette ends, outside Venezia has been reported by the litter pickers. It was agreed to have a word with the management at Venezia. **Action GSM**
- A resident has asked if USRA would consider installing a shelter in the children's play park. It was agreed to add this to the wish list of possible projects. **Action GM**
- A resident has asked for an update on the requested Henson Lane 50mph road signs. It was agreed to contact the CC. **Action GM**

Date of next meeting Monday 17th July at 5.00pm Village Hall