



Open Spaces Meeting Minutes
18th September 2018

Present	Cllr Dodd (Chairman), Jeffery and Arnold
Apologies	Cllrs Willis and Payne
Public Session	There were no members of the public present.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.02 pm.

No	Topic	Discussion points	Outcome/action
1.	Dispensation requests	None received	
2.	Elect a Vice Chair	This was the first meeting following the annual Council meeting in May at it was agreed that a Vice Chair is elected at the Open Spaces first meeting.	Proposal: Cllr Arnold Proposer: Cllr Dodd Seconder: Cllr Jeffery Carried
3.	War Memorial Update on cleaning and maintenance work	The clerk reported that work to clean the cenotaph and re-paint names had started. Williams and Trigg's were not able to hire the Doff superheated system and had cleaned it with a cold water power washer. The same result was achieved and assurance given that the method is safe and suitable. The final invoice will be reduced to reflect the method used.	Noted
4.	Grass Verges	Cllrs Dodd, Austin, Willis and Hodges plan to assess the town's verges on Monday 24 th September. It was felt that the Councillors should suggest a forward plan to full Council on 3 rd October. One possible solution would be to cut the first 12" from the curb edge leaving the rest to wild flowers. This would give the impression of the town being "tidy" and provide habitats.	Proposal: that the meeting Councillors are given authority to advise full council at its meeting on 3 rd October. Proposer: Cllr Arnold Seconder: Cllr Dodd Carried
5.	Allotments	Cllrs Dodd and Austin plan to inspect the allotments and report any irregularities.	Action: The Clerk to obtain a copy of the Allotment Rules.
6.	St Andrews Churchyard	1. Position for new cremation plots. The Clerk reported that the current area for cremation plots had only a few remaining plots available. It was suggested that another row of cremation plots are created on the opposite side of the pathway (close to the closed section of the	Action: The Clerk to clarify with Teignbridge District Council the boundary of the closed churchyard, essentially if it includes the pathway.

		<p>churchyard).</p> <p>2. Update on areas for wildlife. The unused section of the churchyard will remain "uncut" during the spring.</p>	<p>Action: The Clerk to obtain a suitable sign to mark the area.</p>
7.	Sentry	<p>1. Bigger bin required. The new seating area is popular with an increased amount of litter.</p> <p>2. Review arrangements for public events. The Clerk reported that some of the summer community events held in the Sentry had resulted in a large amount of rubbish including alcohol bottles in the play area. It was suggested that litter clearing should be part of the conditions of using the Sentry.</p>	<p>Action: The Clerk to organise a new larger bin for the seating area to be positioned close to the boundary wall.</p> <p>Action: The Clerk to draft a list of Sentry Use Conditions and circulate.</p>
8.	AOB	<p>Traffic speed – it was commented that despite efforts to get a speed reduction to 20mph in the town Devon County Council continue not to support the suggestion. Other ways of reducing traffic speed were discussed including gate style signs which give drivers the impression of entering a smaller road and speed indicator signs.</p> <p>The telephone box near the hospital has been vandalised.</p>	<p>Action: The Clerk to investigate cost of speed indicator signs with Devon County Council.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Dodd will report the damage.</p>
The Chairman closed the meeting 8.00pm.			
Signed:		Cllr Paul Dodd (Chairman)	Date: