

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Community Facilities Committee held in the Council Chamber,
Yaxley Parish Council on Tuesday 27th January 2015.**

Present: Councillor G Bellamy – Chairman

Councillors C Bolton, R Butcher, K Gulson, S Howell, R Lucas, D Porteous, A Rees, C Thorne and J Willis.

In attendance: H Taylor

CF67. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence from the meeting was received and accepted on behalf of Councillor M Richardson (personal).

CF68. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

Councillor C Thorne declared an other interest in item CF71.2 by virtue of his daughter renting out the field off Church Street. Councillors G Bellamy and D Porteous declared other interests in item CF71.1 and CF71.2 by virtue of being allotment holders.

CF69. Minutes

Councillor Butcher proposed approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2014. This was seconded by Councillor Willis and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF70. Public Participation

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

CF71. Allotments

CF71.1 Pest Control Measures Bellvue

Members' attention was drawn to a problem of rats at Bellvue allotments which had escalated over the autumn months. Members were advised that this site was not covered by the Council's current pest control agreement, which was reflected in the allotment fee for the site, but would be included as an option when the contract was reviewed in September. Given that no further issues had been reported recently Councillor Gulson proposed that the matter be monitored. This was seconded by Councillor Rees and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

CF71.2 Creation of an area for allotments as part of the new cemetery area

Councillor Butcher reminded the Committee of the background to a proposal to apply for change of use of an area of land on Church Street, currently used for grazing horses, to a cemetery. Although the proposal was in its early stages, Councillor Bellamy suggested that some thought should be given to including an area for allotments as part of the site. In the discussions that ensued Members referred to the issue of drainage, ground levels and a previous proposal involving a land swap with Produce World. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor Gulson that an area of land for allotments be included as part the pre-application planning stage for the new cemetery site at Church Street. This was seconded by Councillor Rees and **RESOLVED**.

CF72. TREES

CF72.1 PARISH PLANTING PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to a Tree Planting Scheme for 2015 prepared by Councillor Stafford and Reg Bingham. The schedule (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) had been submitted to Bridget Halford, Landscape Officer with the District Council, with the aim of attracting funding through the Parish Planting Scheme. Ms Halford had found the proposals sensible and well thought out and had amended the schedule slightly in order to be able to source all the trees through the scheme. Councillor Rees reminded Members of their previous commitment to plant an Acer Flamingo on the village green in memory of Roy Dudley. Members agreed that this should be actioned as soon as possible. With regard to the planting schedule, Members questioned the planting of a large quercus robur oak on Middletons Recreation Ground, given the potential for the tree to grow to a considerable height and its root spread. Subject to the replacement of this tree with another smaller variety, Councillor Howell proposed that the tree plant schedule for 2015 as submitted be approved. This was seconded by Councillor Willis and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

Members also thanked Councillor Stafford, Reg Bingham and Bridget Halford for their efforts in preparing the schedule.

CF72.2 TREE INSPECTION

Having discussed the need to undertake an annual inspection of all the trees belonging to the Council it was proposed by Councillor Gulson that the cost of such an inspection be investigated, to include the numbering of the trees, and in the meantime the Clerk and Councillors Bolton and Richardson review the Council's Tree Policy. This was seconded by Councillor Bolton and **RESOLVED**.

CF73. FLAGPOLE

Further to Minute No.CF59 and with the aid of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), Members considered three quotations received for the replacement of the flagpole adjacent to William de Yaxley School. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor Butcher that the quote from Harrison's for a supply of a 8 metre glass fibre heavy duty pole be approved and the Clerk be requested to contact the School to ascertain whether they would be willing to contribute to the cost in return for them using it. This was seconded by Councillor Bolton and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

CF74. FUNFAIR

Members' attention was drawn to a request from Jimmy Dean to rent the recreation ground for his funfair during the week commencing 10th May 2015. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor Rees that the Parish Council accommodates the fair that week at a charge of £300. This was seconded by Willis and **RESOLVED**.

CF75. ROUNDABOUT REPAIRS MIDDLETON RECREATION GROUND

Consideration was given to a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) outlining the need to install a new shaft to the roundabout in the playarea at Middleton’s Recreation Ground. Members were reminded that in August of last year the bearing on the roundabout had been replaced at a cost of £720. Given the timescales involved it was reported that Fenland Leisure had agreed to reimburse this cost as part of the quote for a new shaft. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor Gulson that a new shaft be installed by Fenland Leisure at a cost of £1133.00 plus VAT to be funded from the playground maintenance budget. This was seconded by Councillor Butcher and **RESOLVED**.

CF76. CEMETERY

CF76.1 SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GRAVESTONES

A Cemetery Safety Management Plan, which outlined details of a programme of action to inspect and record the conditions of the gravestones, (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) was proposed by Councillor Gulson, seconded by Councillor Butcher and **RESOLVED**.

CF76.2 DISABLED PARKING BAY

Following a question raised at a previous meeting, Members were advised that the Clerk had contacted Cambridgeshire County Council regarding the lack of signage on the new Disabled Parking bay at the Cemetery which had been installed via the Local Highways Improvement Scheme. It was reported that the original scheme did not include a sign as this would have required a Traffic Regulation Order which would have increased the cost of the scheme.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed by the Chairman