

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee  
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016.**

Present:- Councillor G Bellamy – Chairman;

Councillors R Butcher, P Crooke, K Gulson, J Lusted, M Oliver, D Porteous, J Reed, A Rees and S White.

In attendance – H Taylor (Clerk) and Councillor Bolton

**CF70. APOLOGIES**

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

**CF71. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors G Bellamy and K Gulson declared other interests in CF74 by virtue of being allotment holders.

Councillor M Oliver declared an other interest in CF75 by virtue of being of being a director of Fenland Stoneworks.

**CF72. MINUTES**

Councillor R Butcher proposed approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and unanimously **RESOLVED.**

**CF73. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No Member of the public wished to speak.

**CF74. ALLOTMENT RENT INCREASE**

Pursuant to Minute No. CF63, Members were presented with further correspondence received from the allotment holder regarding the increase in the allotment rent (a copy of the letter is appended in the Minute Book). Having received a breakdown of the expenditure associated with the allotments, which showed a predicted cost to the Council in the current year of running the allotments of £1,901, it was agreed that the Clerk should respond to the letter highlighting this and that the allotment holder be offered a refund of his rent if he relinquished his plot in the next 28 days.

**CF75. CEMETERY UPDATE**

The Clerk reported on the following issues related to the Cemetery:

**CF75.1 GRAVELLING OF OLD CEMETERY**

Members were advised that work to gravel the old part of the cemetery had commenced. The budget allocated had been spent on gravelling half the section and an improvement could be seen. However, the remaining side now appeared unkempt and would benefit from being gravelled at a cost of £2,000. Having thanked the Grounds Team for their efforts so far, **Councillor R Butcher proposed that a request be made to full Council for a sum of £2,000 from Council's reserves for the work to be completed. This was seconded by Councillor D Porteous and RESOLVED.**

**CF75.2 RESERVATION OF PLOT FOR INTERMENT OF ASHES**

Consideration was given to a request from a parishioner asking whether it would be possible to reserve a burial plot for ashes or a sanctum. The Clerk explained that the parishioner in question had a daughter interned in the gravelled area and that there was a vacant plot adjacent. Alternatively there remained an empty sanctum in the third section of the columbaria's which could be offered. In the discussions that ensued Members agreed that the sanctum could be offered to the resident or they could reserve a plot in the gravelled area by placing a blank memorial tablet on it.

**CF75.3 WREATHES**

It was agreed that the wreathes on the war memorial should be removed at the same time the Christmas wreathes are disposed of each year.

**CF75.4 HEADSTONE TESTING**

Members were advised that all the headstones in the cemetery had been inspected in November to identify any stability problems. Where memorials had been identified as requiring attention then notices had been placed on them asking the relatives to contact the office. It was reported that following the inspection one owner had contacted a Councillor questioning why their relative's headstone had been identified as being unstable. As a result a sampler of headstones had been inspected by the Councillor and it was reported that the bonding on other headstones appeared to have been destabilised. In response to which Members agreed that unless a particular memorial was reported as being unsafe then the testing should be only be undertaken annually to allow for the relevant notices to be posted. They also stressed that the testing identified those memorials loose at the time of testing and that things do change.

At the same time, Councillors referred to a grave that had a decorative spiked edge to it. Given that the edging was in breach of the Cemetery terms and conditions and presented a risk to visitors Members requested the Clerk to contact the grave owner to have them removed.

**CF76. DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE**

The Clerk updated Members on progress to get 2 defibrillators installed in the village. Members were advised that the Council has been invited by the British Heart Foundation to apply for a funding programme being made available from April 2016 onwards. Having thought about possible locations Members felt that outside Queens Park and the Amenity Centre should be put forward.

**CF77. 3G PITCH**

Members noted the content of a joint statement on artificial grass surfaces and the safety of the crumb rubber infill circulated by the Football Association Ltd (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book).

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed .....

Chairman.