

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 21st February 2017.**

Present:- Councillor G Bellamy - Chairman
Councillors R Butcher, P Crooke, K Gulson, J Lusted, M Oliver, D Porteous, J Willis and A Wood.

In attendance – H Taylor (Clerk).

CF69. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors C Bolton, S Butler and J Orchard (all personal).

CF70. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None were received.

CF71. MINUTES

Councillor R Butcher proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 24th January 2017. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF72. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor K Gulson reported that he had been working with Reg Bingham and the Countryside Trust planting trees around the Recreation Ground and hedging at the cemetery. Mention also was made of the work being carried out by Councillor P Crooke in helping with the tree maintenance around the village. Members placed on record their thanks to Reg and Philippa.

CF73. REQUEST FOR A BENCH

Having been shown a possible area for a bench close to the applicant's wife's sanctum, and on the proposition of Councillor R Butcher it was **RESOLVED** that permission be granted to Mr Dean of Manor Close to install a memorial bench in the cemetery. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted.

CF74. CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Further to Minute No CF64.1, Members received a report from the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) to which was attached two differing rules and regulations found on the computer system. The Clerk drew attention to items allowed and referred to clause No.5 which permitted kerbs provided they were a minimal height and 6 inches away from the edge of the grass. Members' attention was then drawn to clause No.2 which mentions a bed area of 40 inches by 18 inches wide. The Clerk went on to explain that a basic memorial base measures 30 inches long and 12 inches wide, leaving no room for a kerb edge. In that respect, Councillor Oliver agreed to draw out a plan of all the measurements and bring it back to the next meeting to see if the size of the bed needs amending. Having referred to several anomalies in the regulations, Councillor Gulson encouraged Members to read through the rules and highlight anything that needs omitting for the next meeting.

The Clerk reported that the grave beds in area D required to be widened and that this would be done soon. Members were advised that maintenance of the beds would be



better if the Council purchased an edger. The Committee asked the Clerk to investigate the cost of doing so.

Reference was made of the Council's rule that no memorial may be installed until six months after the burial, having mentioned that the ground is taking longer to settle, Members agreed to revisit this timeframe at their next meeting.

CF75. LAVENDAR BUSHES

Having been advised that Mr Bingham had started to trim some of the lavender bushes in the cemetery, Members agreed that some of the bushes had become overgrown and require removing.

CF76A. WEED CONTROL AND FERTILISER TREATMENT QUEENS PARK

Having received a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) it was proposed by Councillor K Gulson that any savings in the current budget for the maintenance of the Queens Park pitches be transferred over to 2017/18 and be put towards an application of liquid fertiliser and weed killer as detailed in the report, at a total cost of approx. £990.00. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and unanimously **RESOLVED.**

(The Chairman agreed to the following additional items being discussed at the Meeting 76B-76G)

CF76B. RECREATION GROUND – DAMAGE TO PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Clerk reported on the recent damage to the toddler area in the Recreation Ground. She advised that the damaged area was currently cornered off whilst the replacement parts were on order, the Police were investigating the crime alongside several other incidents undertaken recently in local parks.

CF76C. FOOTBALL FACILITIES – REQUEST FROM ICA

Having considered a request from ICA to increase their use of the 3G pitch and the football pitches Queens Park/ Middletons Road Recreation Ground, Members felt that the club should be offered the current 10% discount for 6 games paid in advance. The Committee were of the opinion that the facilities currently have a strong base of home teams and would not wish to see this diminish due to one team taking over.

CF76D. POOLEY WAY/GREEN LANE OPEN SPACE

In discussing seating etc. for the open space at the back of Pooley Way it was proposed by Councillor K Gulson that 2 bins be purchased and the Clerk bring back to a future meeting ideas and costings for seating. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED.**

CF76E. ALLOTMENT VACANCIES

In receiving an update on the number of empty plots on the allotments, the Chairman reported that he and Councillor K Gulson would be numbering the plots at Whiteheads. It was noted that those plots now empty may require some clearing by the Grounds team.

CF76F. TRACTOR

Attention was drawn to a condition report on the Council's tractor. Having been advised that the steering box was faulty beyond simple repair, Members discussed whether a tractor that size was required and what alternative machines would be needed. In that respect, Councillor Butcher agreed to look into the cost of repairing the tractor and if necessary a replacement, and Councillor Crooke agreed to explore alternative shredders. A report would be brought back to a future meeting.

CF76G. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT/MACHINERY

The Clerk reported that pictures had been taken of any equipment no longer required by the Council with a view to selling it by way of sealed bids. It was mentioned that a local school was interested in the spare trailer and shredder and that it was the intention to weigh in the old batteries.

CF77. EXCLUSION THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor D Porteous and seconded by Councillor J Willis that the meeting should be closed to the press and public at 8.07pm.

CF78. TREE MAINTENANCE QUOTES

Members received a report prepared by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) detailing 3 quotes received for the work identified in the re-inspection of various trees and for those identified in the original survey as requiring attention within a year. Whereupon, Councillor K Gulson proposed that Charlie Vince Tree Surgery be awarded the contract subject to the work not disturbing any nesting birds. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

CF79. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business being concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor J Willis and seconded by Councillor D Porteous that the press and public should be readmitted to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.12pm

Signed 

Chairman.

