

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 28th March 2017.**

Present:- Councillor G Bellamy - Chairman
Councillors C Bolton, R Butcher, S Butler, P Croke, K Gulson, J Lusted, M Oliver, J Orchard, D Porteous and J Willis.

In attendance – H Taylor (Clerk) and District Councillor D Watt.

CF80. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillor A Wood (personal).

CF81. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None were received.

CF82. MINUTES

Councillor J Willis proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 21st February 2017. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF83. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the public wished to speak.

CF84. TREE STRATEGY FOR HUNTINGDONSHIRE

With the aid of a letter from the Chairman of the District Council's Tree Strategy Working Group (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), Members were apprised of a review of the Tree Strategy document. In discussing the letter, Members noted the various arboricultural services being offered by the District Council including tree surveying and tree works and it was suggested that this team be invited to quote on any future work. The letter referred to the appointment of a Tree Warden Co-ordinator and Members asked the Clerk to confirm with Reg Bingham that he is happy to continue in that capacity.

CF85. CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Further to Minute No CF74 and given that Councillor Oliver had not had a chance to draw out a plan of the grave spaces with a memorial base Councillor G Bellamy proposed that a review of the two differing rules and regulations for the cemetery be deferred until the next meeting. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

At the same time and on the proposal of Councillor D Porteous and having been seconded by Councillor R Butcher, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the period for installing headstones or vase blocks in the cemetery be extended from six months from the date of burial to nine months and that this take immediate effect. This is due to the ground taking longer to settle.



CF86. TRACTOR OPTIONS

Further to Minute No.CF76F and with the assistance of a report by Councillor R Butcher (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members discussed tractor and shredding options. Members were advised that discussions with the Grounds Team had revealed that the tractor was only used to run the current power take off chipper and that savings could be made if the tractor and associated machinery (trailer, milk cart, spiker, chipper) were sold and replaced by a road towable chipper. Whereupon, it was:

- Proposed by Councillor K Gulson that a viewing of road towable chippers be arranged with a view to part exchanging the PTO chipper, and that the Committee and Grounds Team be consulted. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED**;
- Proposed by R Butcher that efforts be made to sell the tractor and associated machinery, once a replacement chipper has been ordered, and the revenue be put towards the cost of the new machine. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED**;

Members also emphasised the need for training for the Grounds Team to be included alongside any new purchase.

CF87. VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE COSTS

Members noted that monies from the Personnel Committee's budget would be transferred to the Community Facilities operations budget for vehicle/equipment repair and maintenance costs. This was as a result of a decision not to currently fill the post of Workshop Mechanic.

CF88. BENCH DESIGN FOR GREEN PARK OPEN SPACE (OFF SEATON CLOSE)

In considering three possible designs for seating in the Green Park open space area, Councillor R Butcher proposed that the tow path design from Chris Nangle furniture be pursued subject to the costs being within budget. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED**.

CF89. OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT

Members received a verbal report from the Outdoor Play Equipment Working Group. It was reported that the group would be meeting with two companies next week with a view to reporting back to the next meeting. During their visit to other outdoor gym sites, the Working Group had seen outdoor table tennis tables which it was agreed would be a great addition to the village.


CF90. ST PETER'S CHURCHYARD - PATH

The Clerk reported on a recent complaint received regarding the condition of the flag stone path at St Peter's Church. Having been reminded of the age of the path and estimated cost to replace it, Councillor K Gulson recommended that informal discussions be held with the Church with a view to reaching an agreement that undertakers use the gravelled path to the church from Pound Lane which is a safer for all involved. This was seconded by Councillor S Butler and **RESOLVED**.

CF91. 3G PITCH – YOUTH SESSIONS EASTER HOLIDAYS

Councillors R Butcher, S Butler and J Lusted volunteered to supervise the opening of the 3G pitch over the Easter Holidays, all three Councillors have previously undergone basic disclosure checks. The Clerk agreed to organise timings and the advertising of these sessions.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed 

Chairman.

