

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 25th April 2017.**

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

In attendance – H Taylor (Clerk), A Wright (Grounds Supervisor) and Reg Bingham (Tree Warden).

CF92. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors S Butler and K Gulson (both personal).

CF93. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor M Oliver declared an “other” interest in Minute No. CF96 by virtue of working in the cemetery as a stone mason.

CF94. MINUTES

Councillor J Willis proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 28th March 2017. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF95. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Reg Bingham reported that he had advised the District Council that he wished to continue as the parish tree warden, at the same time he had indicated how he wished to be supported in the future by the District Council.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Andrew Wright to the meeting who had recently joined the Parish Council as Grounds Maintenance Supervisor.

CF96. CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Further to Minute No CF85 Members were presented with a proposed kerb design (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) for the lawn section of the cemetery. Having been advised that the proposal had been designed to give the required 6 inch gap from the edge of the kerb to the grass. Councillor Oliver confirmed that he could add some more detail to the design. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher, seconded by Councillor J Willis and unanimously **RESOLVED** that subject to the later the kerb design be adopted by the Parish Council and sent out as part of the memorial application forms.

At the same time, Members’ attention was drawn to a revised set of cemetery rules and regulations (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book). Having agreed that the rules should conform to the current requirements of the Parish Council and to be of an approved size, Councillor C Bolton proposed that subject to these changes the proposed rules and regulations be adopted with immediate effect. This was seconded by Councillor J Willis and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

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CF97. NEW HAND MOWER

The Committee noted that with the Chairman's approval a new honda professional hand mower had been purchased at a cost of £1,125.

CF98. SHREDDER UPDATE

Following a demonstration of two wood chipping machines, Members were disappointed to note that the company in question had yet to submit a quote to supply. Other companies had been approached and one had quoted £7,925 for a used Greenmech chipper with 161 hours of use, this included trading in the PTO shredder. In that respect, Councillor R Butcher proposed that a demonstration of the machine be arranged and approval be given to purchase it, should it met the Council's requirements, and that the cost be met from reserves subject to Full Council's approval. This was seconded by Councillor J Willis and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

CF99. SKATE PARK

Members were disappointed to note that the Skate park had been hit by a spate of vandalism, including 2 areas being set fire to. It was reported that the cost of repair would be in the region of £350.

At the same time, mention was made of the amount of litter picked up by the Grounds Team in the Recreation Ground every morning, with 10 bags being collected every Monday. Members felt that the residents should be made aware of this and that photos of the mess should be displayed as part of the Council's pitch at the Festival.

CF100. BENCH DESIGN FOR GREEN PARK OPEN SPACE (OFF SEATON CLOSE)

Following on from Minute No CF88, Members were advised that the tow path benches would cost over £3,000 for four. Having also considered an alternative cheaper Elwood bench and following a vote by Members it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that four Elwood benches be purchased for Green Park at a cost of £2,256. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED**.

CF101. OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT

Members received a verbal report from the Outdoor Play Equipment Working Group. It was reported that three companies had been approached to quote for the equipment. Once the quotes were received they would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

CF102. 3G PITCH – MAY HALF TERM YOUTH SESSIONS EASTER HOLIDAYS

Following the success of the 3G youth sessions over the Easter holidays, the Committee agreed that they should also be offered over Whitweek. The Chairman offered his help in manning the sessions.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed *J. Lusted*

Chairman.