

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 20th February 2018.**

Present:- Councillors J Lusted – Chairman

Councillors G Bellamy, C Bolton, R Butcher, J Orchard, D Porteous, P Richardson, M Southgate, J Willis and S White.

In attendance – H Taylor, Councillor A Bartle and Reg Bingham, Tree Warden.

CF68. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors K Gulson and S McMullon (both personal).

CF69. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors G Bellamy and R Butcher both declared personal interests in CF69 by virtue of being allotment holders.

CF70. MINUTES

Subject to the replacement of the word slow with smaller in CF66, Councillor R Butcher proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 23rd January 2018. This was seconded by Councillor C Bolton and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF71. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

CF72. COMMUNITY FRIDGE UPDATE

Further to Minute No.17/63, the Clerk updated the meeting on the community fridge scheme. Members were advised that the fridge had been delivered and was now in-situ in the Austin Hall corridor. The Clerk had applied to register the fridge with the Environmental Health team and was awaiting a hygiene rating. A risk assessment had been completed and the Council's insurance company would be contacted regarding liability insurance. It was explained that once a hygiene rating has been received then the fridge can become operational. In response to questions by Members, the Clerk explained the workings and concept of the scheme and confirmed that it would be open to anyone.

CF73. COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

Pursuant to Minute No. 17/65, Members were updated on progress of the community allotment scheme. The Clerk reported that both the District Council and the Community Network group were interested in becoming involved. Councillors Butcher, Gulson and Richardson had visited the Whitehead site and identified the ¼ plot at the front of 1B as being an ideal location for the less abled, leaving the back of 1A and 1B for a community allotment. Suitable hardstanding was being investigated and sleepers could be purchased for £7.00 each.

At the same time, consideration was given to a suggestion that the allotment holders at Bellvue be encouraged to relocate to the Yards End or Whitehead sites. In the discussion that ensued Members referred to previous negotiations with the Bellvue allotment holders in 2016 when it was clear that they did not want to move. Mr Bingham, an allotment holder on Bellvue, added that those on that site enjoyed its remote location, although access is

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difficult during the winter months. The Clerk added that only Whiteheads could offer plots of a similar size and that there was only one vacant plot on that site at the moment. Bellvue currently had 16 allotment holders. With this in mind, Members were of the view that the status quo should remain.

CF74. CEMETERY TREES - IVY

Councillor Bellamy drew Members' attention to the cemetery and his concerns over the ivy covering some of the trees and memorials. In response, Mr Bingham explained that ivy on trees encourages more wild life and action would only really be necessary where trees are partially dead and the ivy takes over. The Clerk added that the trees have been checked by an arboriculturalist and action taken where required. It was explained that the upkeep of the memorials was the responsibility of the grave owner. However, she would ask the Grounds Team to look at the problem. At the same time, Mr Bingham offered the services of the Yaxley Countryside Trust.

In response to a question over some areas of uneven ground in the cemetery, the Clerk explained that a list of those graves that required the turf to be raised had been put together and that this work would be done in the spring, weather permitting.

CF75. USE OF QUEENS PARK FOR A FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

With the aid of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), Members considered a request from Riverside FC to run a football tournament at Queens Park on 25th and 26th August. The request had been brought to Committee as a similar event run by the team in 2017 had resulted in parking problems for the surrounding area. Members were advised that the Club was expecting 20 teams on the Sunday with around 130 cars. In discussing various solutions for the parking problem, Members suggested that the Club be asked to prepare a traffic management plan for the tournament to include the use of parking at the Amenity Centre, a limit to the number of teams and strict stewarding to avoid double parking on Daimler Avenue, and that the information be brought back to a future meeting.

At the same time, Members discussed the need for additional parking at Queens Park. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor R Bellamy that an extension of parking at Queens Park be included in a future action plan. This was seconded by Councillor S White and **RESOLVED**.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed *J. Husted*

Chairman.