

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 26th November 2019.**

Present:- Councillors J Lusted – Chairman

Councillors R Butcher, K Gulson, S McMullon, G Needham, M Oliver, D Porteous and S Wayland.

In attendance – H Taylor (Clerk) and Reg Bingham (Tree Warden).

CF27. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors D Seaton and M Southgate (both personal).

CF28. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors R Butcher, K Gulson and M McMullon declared “other” interests in Item No.CF35 by virtue of being allotment holders and did not partake in the vote thereon.

CF29. MINUTES

Councillor M Oliver proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 24th September 2019. This was seconded by Councillor G Needham and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF30. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

CF31. TREE SURVEY UPDATE

Further to Minute No. CF26 (24th September 2019), Members were advised that thirteen trees had been subject of further tests by the arboriculturalist including resistograph testing. Nine trees would require further inspection in two years but four required work including the felling of a cherry tree in the recreation ground. Having received a copy of the arboriculturalist’s assessment, Councillor K Gulson proposed that the Clerk be requested to organise the tree work identified. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

CF32. COMMUNITY ORCHARD UPDATE

Reg Bingham updated Members with progress of the Community Orchard in the Recreation Ground. He reported that the fence and gate had been erected and that with the help of Des Watts sixty holes had been dug out ready for the trees to be planted on 6th December 2019. Reg explained that he was hoping to build up a core of people interested in the orchard and was looking to encourage residents to grow fruit trees in their gardens. Having also been updated on other work the Yaxley Countryside Volunteers had been undertaking in the Cemetery, the Committee thanked Reg and his team for their efforts and also Des Watts for his support.

CF33. ACTION PLAN

Members received and noted a list of the Committee’s projects included within the Council’s Action Plan. In doing so, agreed that the Council should look to purchase its own flower planters next year.

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CF34. BUDGET 2019/20

Members were presented with a budget report as at 31st October 2019 (a copy of which has been appended in the Minute Book). In discussing the various budget headings, actual spend against predicted and the proposed figures for 2020/21, it was felt that the budget figure for fuel for 20/21 should be reduced to £6,500. Subject to this change it was proposed by Councillor D Porteous that the budget be recommended to Full Council for approval. This was seconded by Councillor M Oliver and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF35. ALLOTMENTS FEES 2020

By way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members reviewed the fees for the Council's three allotment sites. In doing so, Members attention was drawn to the plot sizes of the various sites with Whiteheads being the largest. Having noted the fees charged at other similar sites in the County, it was proposed by Councillor D Porteous that the allotment fees for 2020 be increased to £46.00 for a full plot (£23.00 for a half plot) at Whiteheads and remain the same as is currently charged on Bellvue (£35.00 full plot and £17.50 half) and Yards End (£42.00 full plot and 21.00 for half a plot). This was seconded by Councillor M Oliver and **RESOLVED**.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed 

Chairman.