

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 20th October 2020.**

Present:- Councillors R Butcher, J Lusted, S McMullon, G Needham and M Oliver.

In attendance – H Taylor.

CF11. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On the proposition of Councillor R Butcher and having been seconded by Councillor G Needham, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor J Lusted be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor J Lusted in the Chair.

CF12. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors K Gulson, D Paice and D Porteous (all personal).

CF13. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

On the proposition of Councillor R Butcher, seconded by Councillor K Gulson, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor G Needham be elected Vice Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

CF14. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor S McMullon declared “other” interests in Item No.CF20 by virtue of being an allotment holder. Councillor M Oliver declared “other” interest in Item CF22 due to being a stonemason/undertaker.

CF15. MINUTES

Councillor M Oliver proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 28th July 2020. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

CF17. RECYCLING CAMPAIGN

Following the meeting of Full Council on 13th October 2020, the Clerk explained that she had contacted the Waste Management Team at the District Council and had held a very successful and informative zoom meeting with them that day. Initiatives discussed included teracycle, piloting a recycling ambassador scheme and recycling education programmes. The project would be added to the Committee’s action plan.

CF18. SKATE PARK EXPANSION/REPAIRS TO EXISTING RAMPS

The Clerk reported that the skate park expansion had been delayed due to the factory that supplies the specialised steel being shut due to the pandemic. The plywood and steel surface on the tombstone end platform on the existing ramp had deteriorated over the summer months and as a result had been replaced recently.

CF19. ACTION PLAN

Members received and noted a schedule of the Committee's projects included within the Council's Action Plan, the schedule would be used as a basis for the budget setting in November. Referring to plans to install solar panel lights in Green Park off Pooley Way, Members agreed to keep the project on the plan but would liaise with the Police regarding the levels of anti social behaviour in that area prior to approving the scheme to avoid any possible increase in incidents as a result of the area being illuminated.

CF20. ALLOTMENT FEES 2021

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 R Butcher that the allotment fees across all sites be increased by a £1 for 2021 resulting in Whiteheads being £47 for a full plot (£23.50 for a half plot), Bellvue being £36 for a full plot (£18.00 half) and Yards End (£43.00 full plot and 21.50 for half a plot). This was seconded by Councillor M Oliver and **RESOLVED**.

CF21. CHRISTMAS TREE ARRANGEMENTS

Members were advised that the Christmas tree for the Green would be arriving at the end of November. At the same time, Members supported an idea of purchasing two Christmas greetings flags to fly at the village green and on Broadway.

CF22. CEMETERY MEMORIAL/GRAVE INSPECTIONS

Councillors K Gulson, J Lusted and M Oliver all put their names forward to help with the memorial and grave inspections this year. The Clerk would check to see if Councillor P Russell would wish to be involved as he had been in previous years.

CF23. TREE WORK UPDATE

By way a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members were apprised of the work required to the Council's tree stock and the action taken to get the work done. Members were advised that there was sufficient money in the earmarked reserves to fund the work. The Clerk advised that she had received three quotes for the tree work and would be looking to award the work soon. Having been advised of the methodology to be used, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher, seconded by Councillor G Needham and **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Clerk be authorised, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman, to assign the work.

CF24. CANTILEVER SWING & ROUNDABOUT IN MIDDLETONS ROAD PLAYAREA

Members were advised by the Clerk that the tile surface under the cantilever swing in the recreation ground was wearing and would require replacing in the next financial year along with the edging which was missing in places. It was explained that the surfacing under other areas would also need to be replaced at some point and it would be prudent to add this to the Committee's Action Plan so that sufficient funding can be set aside in future budgets. The meeting received details of three quotes for installing a new surface under the cantilever swing and were advised that the work would need to be included in the 21/22 budget and programmed for completion after 1st April 2021. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that the quote from Fenland Leisure to install a wetpour

all weather surface with a concrete curb edging be approved and a sum of £5,000 be included in the 21/22 budget to fund the project. This was seconded by Councillor S McMullon and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

With regard to the disabled roundabout, it was reported that the suppliers, Sovereign Playareas, had been onsite to look at an issue whereby the roundabout keeps sticking. Unfortunately, Sovereign were baffled by the fault but have agreed to investigate the problem further which may involve excavating the base.

CF25. USE OF 3G PITCH

Offering some good and bad news, the Clerk reported that bookings on the 3G pitch were the highest they have ever been, however income for the facility for this financial year would be lower due to it being closed during lockdown.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Husted".