

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee  
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016.**

Present:- Councillor G Bellamy – Chairman  
Councillors R Butcher, C Bolton, S Butler, P Crooke, K Gulson J Lusted, M Oliver, D Porteous, A Rees, J Willis and A Wood.

In attendance – H Taylor - Clerk.

**CF11. APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence from the meeting were received.

**CF12. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors G Bellamy and K Gulson declared disclosable pecuniary interests in item CF18 by virtue of being a Council allotment holder and refrained from voting on this matter.

Councillor M Oliver declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item CF17 as Director of Fenland Stoneworks.

**CF13. MINUTES**

Councillor K Gulson proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016. This was seconded by Councillor D Porteous and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

**CF14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No Member of the public wished to speak.

**CF15. REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES**

By way a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members reviewed the fees and charges for the hire of the football pitches at Middletons Road, Queens Park and the 3G pitch. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that the hire rates remain the same with a review in 12 months. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

**CF16. BENCHES**

Consideration was given to a request to install a memorial bench in the cemetery. Having been advised that the benches would be the same as others in the cemetery it was proposed by Councillor D Porteous that the request Mrs Haines be approved. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

At the same time, Members discussed installing a bench at Queens Park and it was suggested that a memorial bench remembering the former Grounds keeper, Tony Maltby, be installed. This was proposed by Councillor D Porteous and seconded by Councillor R Butcher and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

#### **CF17. CEMETERY EXTENSION**

By way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members were appraised of progress so far to find a suitable site for a cemetery extension. The question of alternative site for a cemetery had been brought up at the Annual Parish Meeting by District Councillor E Butler.

Mention was made of the background to the subject and issues to consider when considering an alternative site. In discussing the possible use of land in Church Street attention was drawn to the pre-work required to level out the field and the need to improve the drainage as well as undertaking various environment studies. Reference also was made to the Groundwater Regulations 1998 and the prevention of pollution. Members were of the view that the field would not be suitable for a cemetery.

It was reported that the current cemetery has approx. 425 spaces left and that this would be prolonged if the reservation of burial plots was stopped. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor C Bolton that the District Council be asked to assist the Parish Council in finding suitable land for an extension but that any extension not be funded by the Parish Council at this stage. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED**.

At the same time, it was proposed by Councillor A Rees that the reservation of earthen grave plots in Yaxley cemetery be discontinued. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED**.

#### **CF18. ALLOTMENTS – MEETING WITH PRODUCE WORLD**

The Clerk reported on a meeting between herself, Andrew Burgess (Produce World) and Councillors J Lusted, D Porteous and A Rees regarding a possible land swap of Whiteheads allotments for an area of land adjacent. Members were advised that the Parish Council's previous "wish list" could not be accommodated and that the offer on the table was an area of land twice the size of Whiteheads with no extras for sheds, fencing, parking etc. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that Mr Burgess be advised that the Parish Council no longer has an interest in "swapping" the land. This was seconded by Councillor D Porteous and **RESOLVED**. In the discussions that ensued it was recognised that the road to Bellvue was becoming difficult to pass and an alternative site should be investigated. With this in mind it was proposed by Councillor A Rees that a Working Group of Councillors R Butcher, J Lusted, D Porteous, A Rees and J Willis be established to look at the feasibility of the pond area in the Recreation Ground as allotments. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED**.

#### **CF19. DEFIBRILLATORS**

In receiving an update on the defibrillators the Clerk advised that a donation of £200 had been received from the Patients Association at Yaxley Group Practise towards the cabinets which would leave £753.00 to be found. Having thanked the Patients association for their donation, **Councillor R Butcher proposed that Full Council be requested to fund the outstanding £753.00 from the Councils reserves. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and RESOLVED.**

#### **CF20. EXCLUSION THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor D Porteous and seconded by Councillor J Lusted that the meeting should be closed to the press and public at 8.30pm.

**CF21. NEW TODDLER PLAYAREA, MIDDLETONS RECREATION GROUND – FENCING QUOTATIONS**

With the assistance of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the annex to the Minute Book) consideration was given to four quotations received for installing fencing around the new play area. Members were of the view that the cost of the fencing was high for such a small area. Mention also was made of the positive comments received about the new area and the advantages of leaving it open for the cutting of the grass. It was felt that the CIL money could be used to provide seating and to improve Green Lane.

Having recognised the need to prevent children running onto Middletons Road from the area, it was proposed by Councillor K Gulson that:

- a gate be installed at the entrance to the new play area from Middletons Road;
- any gaps in the fencing between the recreation ground and Middletons Road be repaired;
- the comments from the public on the new play area be monitored;
- 2 picnic benches be installed in that area to be funded from CIL;
- a Working Group consisting of Councillors C Bolton, R Butcher, P Crooke and K Gulson be established to look at the development of Green Lane; and
- the poplar tree next to the new play area be removed as part of this years planned tree maintenance.

This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

**CF22. GRASS CUTTING EQUIPMENT**

By way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the annex to the Minute Book) consideration was given to two quotations received for the supply of a new Kubota. Members were advised that the quotations included trading in an old triple and the existing SCAG. In discussing the needs of the Council it was agreed that both the Recreation Ground and Queens Park would benefit from being cut by a triple. Members then discussed purchasing a reconditioned triple as well as a new zero turned mower. Having been reminded that there was £11,817 in the budget for a new machine, it was proposed by Councillor Butcher that the quotation for a Kubota zero turn ride on mower from Chandlers be approved to be met from the existing budget and **that a request be made to Full Council for a sum of £10,000 for the purchase of a reconditioned Ransomes Parkway 2250 triple**. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED**.

**CF23. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.**

That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business being concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor D Porteous and seconded by Councillor J Lusted that the press and public should be readmitted to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed .....

Chairman.