Minutes of the Meeting of the Property Committee held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 15th March 2016.

Present: Councillor C Bolton - Vice Chairman in the Chair.

Councillors G Bellamy, K Gulson, J Lusted, C Thorne and J Willis.

In attendance – H Taylor.

PR37. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors R Butcher (personal), M Oliver (Parish Council business), D Porteious (personal) and A Rees (personal).

PR38. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

PR39. MINUTES

Councillor J Lusted proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 12th January 2016. This was seconded by Councillor K Gulson and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

PR40. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

PR41. OFFICE EXTENSION

Members discussed ideas for extending the office space. Two possible options were put forward being to extend along the front or out to the side. Mention also was made of the need to make alternative arrangements for the office whilst any work is undertaken. Having agreed that the office needed extending it was proposed by Councillor K Gulson that the options be explored to see if they would work and the renting of a suitable portakabin be investigated. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

PR42. MAINTENANCE OF OLD CRICKET GARAGE

Attention was drawn to the condition of the old cricket garage. The area was currently being used for storing a few items of cricket equipment but lacked electricity and was in a poor state of repair particularly the roof. Members agreed that an alternative storage area needed to be found with a view to demolishing the garage in the long term. With this in mind Councillor K Gulson proposed that the area be cleared and alternative space be found to store any salvageable items. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

PR43. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

In receiving a schedule of maintenance work carried out in the past 3 months and that planned (a copy of the schedule is appended in the Minute Book), attention was drawn to a problem with a radiator in the kitchen of 50 Main Street. Members were advised that the age of the boiler and central heating system was over 25 years old and flushing it out may result in further issues. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor G Bellamy that

quotes be obtained for a new boiler and central heating system. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED**.

PR44. STRETTON PRE-SCHOOL ROOM HIRE

Members were advised of the outcome of a meeting with Stretton Pre-School regarding room hire rates. In response to a request for a significant reduction in rent the Pre-school had been advised that it would not be possible to increase the current discount. However, a number of marketing suggestions had been made with a view to increasing numbers including additional advertising at the front of the Owen Pooley Hall.