

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 18th October 2016.**

Present:- Councillor G Bellamy - Chairman
Councillors R Butcher, P Croke, K Gulson, J Lusted, M Oliver (for item CF48),
D Porteous and J Willis.

In attendance – H Taylor (Clerk).

CF43. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors S Butler and C Bolton (both personal).

CF44. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were declared.

CF45. MINUTES

Councillor K Gulson proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 27th September 2016. This was seconded by Councillor J Willis and unanimously **RESOLVED.**

CF46. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

CF47. TREES SURVEYS

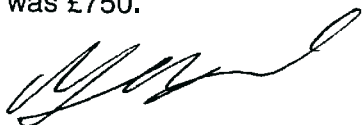
Consideration was given to a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) detailing the recommendations of the 7 tree surveys undertaken by P R Newson on the following areas:

- Blenheim Way
- Apple Tree & Bramble Close
- Green Lane & Seaton Close
- Laurel Close & Lee Road
- Middleton's Recreation Ground
- St Peter's Pound Lane
- Yaxley Cemetery

Members were advised that the cost of the surveys was £2,566 of which £733 should be funded from the S106 monies received for Green Lane.

Attention was then drawn to the work identified as being required over the next 12 months. Councillor Croke had looked at the trees in Green Lane and had identified the work she was able to take on. Members agreed that all the work identified for this area should be undertaken as part on the ongoing improvements for the area rather than leaving it for a year.

It was reported that 11 trees had been identified as requiring further inspection within a month using a resistograph and that 3 trees required climbing. The cost of this further work was £750.



Having considered the information before the Committee, it was proposed by Councillor K Gulson that:

- P R Newson be requested to undertake the further inspections of the trees identified at a cost of £750 (exclusive of VAT);
- Quotes be obtained for the work identified as being required to be undertaken in the next 3 months;
- Quotes be obtained for the work identified as being required to be undertaken over the next 12 months for Green Lane & Seaton Close and that ; and
- A report be submitted to the next full Council on the quotes received.

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

CF48. PARISH PLANTING SCHEME

Attention was drawn to a letter from the District Council (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) outlining the various trees available this year under the Parish Planting Scheme. Councillor Crooke reported that she had visited the Community Nursery in Godmanchester that day and the trees available were too small to plant in any of the main areas. Members discussed growing some of the trees and it was felt that this would involve too much work and it would be easier to buy in established trees. Having referred to a previous recommendation that the fencing at the front of the Cemetery at Dovecote Lane be replaced by ornamental hedging (Minute CF37 refers), Members suggested approaching the District Council for hedging. Following which and on the proposition of Councillor K Gulson and seconded by Councillor R Butcher it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor P Crooke speak with Reg Bingham regarding this matter with a view to making an application for hedging.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed

Chairman.