

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 28th November 2017.**

Present:- Councillors J Lusted – Chairman
Councillors G Bellamy, C Bolton, R Butcher, K Gulson, J McMullon, J Orchard, D Porteous, P Richardson and J Willis.

In attendance – H Taylor and Reg Bingham, Tree Warden.

CF45. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors M Southgate and S White (both work).

CF46. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors G Bellamy, R Butcher and K Gulson declared “other” interests in Item No.CF52 by virtue of being allotment holders and did not partake in the vote thereon.

CF47. MINUTES

Councillor R Butcher proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 26th September 2017. This was seconded by Councillor J Willis and unanimously **RESOLVED.**

CF48. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

CF49. ACTION PLAN

In considering the Committee’s projects included within the Council’s Action Plan, Councillor C Bolton proposed that weed killer/fertiliser be applied at Queens Park annually and the following schemes be added to the list:

- Notice Board – past Violet Way;
- Disabled play equipment;
- Solar panels for Green Lane Open Space area.

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

CF50. BUS STOPS

Consideration was given to a report from Councillor Orchard outlining possible improvements to the bus stops in the village (copy of the report and notes from the Clerk are appended in the Minute Book). In thanking Councillor Orchard for a thorough report, Members agreed that the Council should have a programme of bus stop improvements in the Action Plan including the installation of a new bus shelter every two years. Councillor Orchard confirmed that he would continue to liaise with the District Council, Stagecoach and Primesight over their responsibilities. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor K Gulson that the bus stop improvements be included in the Action Plan and a provision of £3,000 included in the 2018/19 budget. This was seconded by Councillor G Bellamy and unanimously **RESOLVED.**

JL

CF51. BUDGET 2018/19

Members were presented with a budget report as at 30th September 2017 (a copy of which has been appended in the Minute Book). Having discussed the various budget headings, actual spend against predicted and the proposed figures for 2018/19, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that subject to the inclusion of £15,000 for new play equipment, £3,000 for bus shelters, £2,000 for a community allotment and £2,500 for community fridge the budget be recommended to Full Council for approval. This was seconded by Councillor K Gulson and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF52. ALLOTMENTS FEES 2018

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 Yards End plots being the smallest. Having noted the fees charged at other similar sites in the County, it was proposed by Councillor J Orchard that the allotment fees for 2018 be increased to £44.00 (£22.00 for a half plot) at Whiteheads and £34.00 (£17.00 for a half plot) at Bellvue and that Yards End remain the same as 2017 (£42.00 full plot and 21.00 for half a plot). This was seconded by Councillor P Richardson and **RESOLVED** with two abstentions.

CF53. COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

Members discussed a possible project which would create a community allotment available to all regardless of age, background or ability. In supporting the idea, Councillor C Bolton proposed that Councillor G Bellamy, R Butcher, K Gulson and P Richardson form a Working Group to deliver this idea with a view to reporting back to a future meeting. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED**. The project would also be included in the Council's Action Plan.

CF54. TREES

The Committee considered a request from a resident to reduce greatly the height of an ash tree which is behind their garden fence. Members were advised that the tree is part of the Council's tree stock and had been included in the annual tree inspections. It was reported that as part of last year's larger tree inspection by an independent tree surgeon the tree had been found to be of fair condition, semi-mature with no visual defects. The report had recommended that the low canopy be raised within two years as part of routine maintenance and that this had been done this year. In considering the information before them, Councillor C Bolton proposed that the tree be left as it is but be monitored by the Grounds Team. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

CF55. OUTDOOR GYM

Members were reminded that by working in partnership with the District Council seven training sessions had been arranged for the over 55s on the outdoor gym. Having been advised of the minimal cost to the Council and in noting how well the sessions had been received it was proposed by Councillor C Bolton that efforts be made to continue these sessions after Christmas and to possible offer additional ones for other age groups. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

JL

CF56. MEMORIAL INSPECTIONS

Councillors C Bolton, R Butcher, K Gulson and J Lusted offered to help with the memorial inspections at the cemetery – the date and time to be arranged by the Clerk.

CF57. COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Members discussed setting up a community fridge in the village. Having agreed it would be beneficial to see one in action, Councillors R Butcher, J Lusted and J Orchard agreed to visit the Peterborough community fridge in Westwood and to report back to a future meeting. The project would also be added to the Council's Action Plan.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed *J. Lusted*

Chairman.

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