

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 27th March 2018.**

Present:- Councillors J Lusted – Chairman

Councillors C Bolton, R Butcher, K Gulson, S McMullon, D Porteous, P Richardson, M Southgate, J Willis and S White.

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

CF76. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence from the meeting was received and accepted on behalf of Councillor J Orchard (personal).

CF77. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were received.

CF78. MINUTES

Councillor P Richardson proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 20th February 2018. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF79. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

CF80. THE POND MIDDLETONS ROAD RECREATION GROUND

Consideration was given to a letter from a resident regarding the pond in the recreation ground (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book). To assist the meeting, Mr Bingham gave a brief history of the pond which had been constructed by the Yaxley Countryside Group 15 years ago as part of an initiative run by the Wildlife Trust. The Parish Council had provide the land and a number of plants. Mr Bingham referred to the area as a temporary pond; not very deep, dry in the summer but ideal for frogs. He added that the adjacent willow tree dried the area out as well.

In discussing how the pond could be improved, Members agreed that any improvements would be best undertaken in the summer/autumn and that volunteers be sought to help with the work. Referring back to the letter received Members felt that a meeting should be arranged between the Yaxley Countryside Group, a Member of the Parish Council and the resident who wrote in to find out his aspirations and to invite him to partake in any improvements. In the meantime, the pond area could be widened by not mowing up to the edge and the Clerk agreed to speak to the Grounds Team about this. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor ^{FOR} Gulson that this course of action and the meeting between the various parties with a view to improving the pond in the summer/autumn, be approved. This was seconded by Councillor C Bolton and **RESOLVED**.

CF81. COMMUNITY FRIDGE UPDATE

In receiving an update on the community fridge scheme, the Clerk reported that during its first three weeks of operation 168 kg of food had been redistributed. Discussions were being held with other local retailers in the village with a view to them becoming involved



CF82. COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

Pursuant to Minute No. 17/73, Members were updated on progress of the community allotment scheme. Councillor K Gulson reported that with the help of D Watt Roadworks a large raised bed had been created for use by those with disabilities, in the front ¼ plot, out of old sleepers which would be surrounded by a granite path. This leaves 1 ½ plots to cultivate.

Various avenues of funding were being explored for tools, seeds etc. Stretton Pre-school would be interested in an area to grow strawberries and the infants school, scout/guide groups would be contacted to see if they would be interested in having an area too. It was mentioned that the area would require plotting out and overseeing which Councillor J Lusted offered to help with. Having viewed pictures of the work so far Councillors placed on record their thanks to Des Watt and his team for their efforts in transforming the plot.

CF83. LOCAL HISTORY INTEREST – LAND SEARCH PERMISSION

Having considered an approach from a local metal detector enthusiast to search on lands owned by the Parish Council particularly on Askews Lane or Church Street, Members were unable to identify an area of land that would be suitable and therefore declined the request.

CF84. 3G PITCH – YOUTH SESSIONS EASTER HOLIDAYS

Councillors R Butcher, P Richardson and M Southgate volunteered to supervise the opening of the 3G pitch over the Easter Holidays, all three Councillors have previously undergone basic disclosure checks. The Clerk agreed to organise timings and the advertising of these sessions.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed 

Chairman.