

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 26th March 2019.**

Present:- Councillor J Lusted- Chairman

Councillors K Gulson, G Needham, D Porteous, P Richardson, S Sanderson, M Southgate and S Wayland.

In attendance – H Taylor (Clerk) and Reg Bingham (Tree Warden)

CF59. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors R Butcher, S McMullon (both personal) and M Oliver (work).

CF60. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

CF61. MINUTES

Councillor K Gulson proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 22nd January 2019. This was seconded by Councillor P Richardson and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF62. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

CF63. SEATS IN GREEN PARK

By way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members were apprised with a request from a resident of Pooley Way to remove one of the benches at Green Park to prevent anti-social behaviour. It was reported that the area was regularly monitored by the Grounds Team and that there was no evidence of recent anti-social behaviour. Furthermore, complimentary remarks had been received about the seating, particularly from older residents enjoying the park. Having also been advised that the Clerk continues to liaise with the Police over any reports of anti social behaviour, Councillor K Gulson proposed that the Grounds Team continue to monitor the area. This was seconded by Councillor S Wayland and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

CF64. DISABLED ROUNDABOUT

Members were advised that there were still issues with the roundabout and the Managing Director and Installation Supervisor would be meeting with the Clerk on site to discuss the issues next week.

CF65. COMMUNITY ORCHARD

With the assistance of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members were updated on plans to improve the existing pond in the recreation ground and to create a community orchard on adjacent land.

Reg Bingham of the Yaxley Countryside Trust gave an overview to the Committee, the orchard would be made up of rows of mixed dwarf fruit trees including local varieties and would be secured by chestnut fencing. The Countryside Trust would be working with the Community Allotment and hopefully the local schools on this project. An application for community grant funding would be made to the District Council for up to £2,500. With regard to the pond area, discussions had taken place last year with Frog Life and further

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discussions were required to determine what health and safety measures would be required if the pond was deepened. Reg explained that the planned orchard should not drain the water from the pond as there was a local spring in that area and the area of land identified for the trees was lower than that of the pond. A Member suggested that a nearby sewer for Beatons Close be located prior to any tree planted.

Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor K Gulson that an area of land in the recreation ground next to the Pond and the Army Cadet Hut be set aside for a community orchard. This was seconded by Councillor M Southgate and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

CF66. 3G EASTER HOLIDAYS SESSIONS

Councillors M Southgate, P Richardson and S Wayland all volunteered to help with the 3G sessions over the Easter Holidays. The Clerk would arrange for DBS checks for those that needed them.

CF67. EXCLUSION 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, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor J Lusted and seconded by Councillor E Gilchrist that the meeting should be closed to the public and press at 7.pm.

CF68. LEASE PROPOSAL – FOOTBALL FACILITIES

In receiving details of a proposal received from Cardea Football Club to lease an area of Queens Park or Middletons Road Recreation Ground (a copy of the proposal is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book), Members recognised the negative impact this would have on the other teams that use these facilities as well as the financial implications for the Parish Council. With this in mind, it was proposed by Councillor K Gulson, seconded by Councillor P Richardson and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the request from Cardea Football Club be refused.

CF69. SKATE PARK EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE

Further to Minute No CF58 and by way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), Members received a quote by Chesmetalwork for the expansion of the skate park. It was reported that the company had designed and maintained various skate parks in the district and the design had been finalised after a meeting with the members of the Committee. Following the Committee's agreement that the quote was favourable, Councillor K Gulson recommended to Full Council that Financial Regulations 10.3 and 11 (a i) be waived and the quote from Chesmetalwork for the expansion of the skate park be accepted. This was seconded by Councillor D Porteous and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

At the same time, Councillor S Wayland proposed that a graffiti wall be installed in the Recreation Ground near to the skate park, this was seconded by Councillor P Richardson and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

CF70. 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 J Lusted and seconded by Councillor K Gulson that the press and public should be readmitted to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed 

Chairman.

