

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee  
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**

Present:- Councillor J Lusted – Chairman

Councillors R Butcher, S McMullon, G Needham, M Oliver, D Porteous, M Southgate and S Wayland.

In attendance – H Taylor.

**CF16. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillor K Gulson and Mr R Bingham (both personal).

**CF17. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No declarations were received.

**CF18. MINUTES**

Councillor D Porteous proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019. This was seconded by Councillor M Oliver and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

**CF19. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

**CF20. BULKY WASTE COLLECTION**

Members were pleased to note that the bulky waste drop held in August had been a great success and it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher seconded by Councillor S Wayland and unanimously **RESOLVED** that further collection days be arranged with the next being in spring 2020.

**CF21. SYNTHETIC TURF PRACTISE FACILITY**

By way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), Members were apprised with details of a proposal from Yaxley Cricket Club to fund and arrange the replacement of the existing sand and astro practise surface on the recreation ground with a new synthetic surface.

In considering the proposal, Members raised a number of issues relating to the need to protect the field during any construction, the removal of the spoil, maintenance of the surface, public liability insurance, general usage and funding. After a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Councillor M Oliver that the proposal to replace the existing sand and astro practise base on the Recreation Ground with a new synthetic surface be supported in principle but that further investigations be made with regard to the issues referred to above. This was seconded by Councillor D Porteous and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

**CF22. THE CHILDREN'S FUNERAL FUND FOR ENGLAND**

With the assistance of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), the Committee noted the implications for the Parish Council of the new Children's Funeral Fund for England.

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**CF23. ALLOTMENT INSPECTION UPDATE**

It was reported that following a recent inspection one allotment holder at Whiteheads had been asked to vacate their plot due to ongoing issues with the area being very overgrown.

**CF24. USE OF 3G AND FOOTBALL FACILITIES**

Members received a schedule of football teams using the Councils facilities (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book). In doing so, it was noted that the 3G pitch was coming up to its busiest period with week nights fully booked and that Queen Park was extremely busy.

**CF25. SKATE PARK EXPANSION PROJECT - UPDATE**

The Clerk gave a verbal update on the skate park expansion project, Members noted that work to install the new ramps would be starting late Autumn and had been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances.

**CF26. TREE 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 tree surveys undertaken by P R Newson on the following areas:

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

Members noted that the work identified as requiring action within 3 to 12 months will need to be sent out for quotes. Given the timescales involved Councillor R Butcher proposed that the Clerk be authorised, after consultation with the Chairman of the Community Facilities Committee, to award the work identified in the attached report and to report back thereon to a future meeting. This was seconded by Councillor M Oliver **RESOLVED** unanimously.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed ..... *J. Husted* .....

Chairman.