

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee  
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

Present:- Councillors J Lusted – Chairman

Councillors R Butcher, K Gulson, S McMullon, G Needham, D Porteous and D Seaton.

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

**CF36. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillor M Southgate (personal).

**CF37. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No declarations were received.

**CF38. MINUTES**

Councillor G Needham proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019. This was seconded by Councillor D Porteous and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

**CF39. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

**CF40. YAXLEY POND RESTORATION**

Members' attention was drawn to a proposal from Froglife outlining a habitat action plan for the pond in Middleton's Road Recreation Ground (a copy of the Action Plan is appended in the Minute Book). The project would see the middle of the pond being deepened to a depth of between 1.5m and 2m with the edges being profiled to create shelving to facilitate access for wildlife. The pond would have gradually sloping edges leading into the pond with much shallower water, suitable for spawn laying around the sides of the pond. Creating a deeper middle area would ensure that the pond held water throughout the seasons. Mr Bingham explained that the pond tends to dry out over the summer but was approx. 60cm deep at the moment due to the prolonged rainfall over the autumn and winter period.

In discussing the proposal before them, Members raised concerns over safety given the increase in depth and the need for the area to be fenced, with this in mind Councillor G Needham proposed that the Clerk be requested to seek further information on this including advice from the Parish Council's insurance company, prior to bringing it back to a future meeting. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

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**CF41. CEMETERY EXTENSION**

By way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), Members were apprised of a proposal to undertake a detailed groundwater assessment, in accordance with current Environment Agency Guidance, on 3.3ha of land identified in the S106 Agreement for Great Haddon as cemetery and allotment land.

Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher, seconded by Councillor D Portieous and **RESOLVED** unanimously that Cemetery Development Services Limited be appointed to undertake a groundwater assessment at a cost of £4,200 to be met from the existing cemetery extension budget.

**CF42. TREE WORK UPDATE**

Members were advised that the majority of the tree work had been completed with the only outstanding maintenance being the reduction in height of the conifers at Queens Park which had been delayed as the grass was too wet for the equipment to stand on.

**CF43. COMMUNITY REPAIR CAFÉ UPDATE**

It was reported that the next Community Repair Café would be on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020 between 1pm and 4pm. There had been some disappointment over the second session in January as 6 bookings had been made but only 2 attended. Members were asked to promote the event.

**CF44. COMMUNITY LITTER PICK**

Members were advised that the Parish Council had been asked by the Yaxley Partnership to co-host the next Community Litter Pick. Anyone wishing to partake should meet at the Co-op Car Park, Daimler Avenue on 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 9.30am.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm



Signed .....

Chairman.