

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

Present:- Councillors J Lusted – Chairman

Councillors R Butcher, K Gulson, S McMullon, G Needham, D Porteous, P Richardson, S Sanderson and S Wayland.

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

CF38. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors M Southgate (work) and J Willis (personal).

CF39. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors R Butcher, K Gulson and P Richardson declared “other” interests in Item No.CF48 by virtue of being allotment holders and did not partake in the vote thereon.

CF40. MINUTES

Councillor K Gulson proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 25th September 2018. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF41. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

CF42. FOOTBALL PITCH MAINTENANCE

By way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), Members were apprised with a proposal to improve the grass quality of the adult pitches at Queens Park. Whereupon, Councillor K Gulson proposed that pitch A be over seeded in April next year at a cost of £750 and that pitch B be treated in the same way in April 2020. This was seconded by Councillor P Richardson and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

CF43. COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Further to Minute No. CF33D, Members discussed plans to have a community orchard. In so doing, various possible locations were identified including an area of the Rec next to the back of the air cadet hut, part of the rented field on Church Street/Waterslade, the grounds of Queens Park and Green Lane Park. In considering each area, Members recognised that some locations would require to be fenced to protect the trees, costing in the region of £1,000, but that this fencing could be removed at a later date on the trees were established. Having recognised that the project would require careful consideration and planning, it was proposed by Councillor S Wayland that Members visit the various sites and consider the matter further at their January meeting. This was seconded by Councillor K Gulson and **RESOLVED**.

CF44. DISABLED PLAY EQUIPMENT

Members were advised that the work to install a new wheelchair friendly roundabout had been delayed and would now commence early December.

CF45. KEEP BRITAIN TIDY – WE’RE WATCHING YOU CAMPAIGN

Members were apprised of an award-winning We’re Watching You campaign created by the Keep Britain Tidy Team, which involves eye-catching, glow in the dark posters reminding dog owners to pick up after their dogs. Members were advised that the Parish Council had purchased 10 posters and 10 bin stickers and that they would be going on display around the village that week.

CF46. ACTION PLAN

Members received and noted a list of the Committee’s projects included within the Council’s Action Plan.

CF47. BUDGET 2018/19

Members were presented with a budget report as at 30th September 2018 (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 2019/20, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that the budget be recommended to Full Council for approval. This was seconded by Councillor S McMullon and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF48. ALLOTMENTS FEES 2019

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 Lusted that the allotment fees for 2019 be increased to £45.00 (£22.50 for a half plot) at Whiteheads and £35.00 (£17.50 for a half plot) at Bellvue and that Yards End remain the same as 2018 (£42.00 full plot and 21.00 for half a plot). This was seconded by Councillor S McMullon and **RESOLVED**.

CF49. SKATE PARK EXPANSION PROJECT

Further to Minute No CF36, and by way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), Members were advised that the invitation for local children and their parents to join a working group to look at improving the skate park had attracted very little interest with only two older users getting in touch. Undeterred, a draft design had been produced by the Clerk with the assistance of the current maintenance contractor for the existing skate ramp. In order to understand the concept further it was proposed by Councillor S Wayland that herself, Councillors Gulson and Lusted meet with the maintenance contractor and report back to the next meeting. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED**.

CF50. GREEN PARK OPEN SPACE

Members were advised that the Clerk had received a request by a local resident for the benches at Green Park, behind Pooley Way, to be removed due to a recent increase in anti social behaviour in that area. Members acknowledged that the Clerk was working closely with the local PCSO regarding ASB in the village and that all the seating provided by the Parish Council was constantly reviewed. In that respect, Councillor P Richardson proposed that the issue be monitored but the seating remain in Green Park for the time being. This was seconded by Councillor K Gulson and **RESOLVED**.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed

Chairman.