

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee
held via Zoom on 27th April 2021.**

Present:- Councillor J Lusted;

Councillors R Butcher, D Chapman, K Gulson, A Minns, G Needham and M Oliver.

In attendance – H Taylor.

CF44. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S McMullon.

CF45. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

CF46. MINUTES

Councillor K Gulson proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 23rd February 2021. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and unanimously **RESOLVED.**

CF47. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

CF48. REQUEST FOR A DEDICATED DOG TRAINING AREA

By way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which has been appended in the Minute Book) Members considered a request from a resident for a dedicated fenced area for dog training. At the same time, the Clerk reported that she had received an approach from a local landowner who was looking to change a field he owned in the village to a secure area for dog training and was seeking the Parish Council's support prior to moving forward with the project and the submission of a planning application. Members identified a possible area at the top of the Recreation Ground on the "shelf" where the old play area used to be sited but agreed that any area would require substantial fencing. Having expressed that they were not against creating a dedicated area for dogs, Members agreed to monitor the planning application for a secure dog training area and to review the matter at a later date.

CF49. COMMUNITY LITTER PICK FEEDBACK

The Clerk reported on the community litter pick held on the previous weekend. Members were pleased to note that the litter pick had been a great success with over 50 bags being filled with rubbish and many families taking part. A Yaxley Litter's pickers group facebook page had been set up which was receiving lots of likes. The next event would be 5th and 6th June 2021.

CF50. COMMUNITY FRIDGE UPDATE

Members discussed the future of the community fridge in light of recent lockdown easing and the relocation to the Pavilion. The Clerk explained that the pavilion room has in the past been hired out but this hadn't been possible due to covid but that a decision would need to be made as to whether the room could go back to a multi use venue with the Community Fridge, Monday/Friday Coffee Morning and repair café being accommodated along with possible one off bookings. Although the Community Fridge was this

Committee's project, the expenditure for the room was the responsibility of the Property Committee and any decision to limit the hiring of the room would need to be agreed by them. The Clerk added that the volunteers may want to look at becoming a Community Association as this would open more funding streams. In response to this Councillor Gulson acknowledged that the running of the fridge and the loss of income from the hall was a cost liability and at some stage the Property Committee may wish to gift the fridge the use of the hall as a grant.

Councillor K Gulson reported that as it currently stands the Community Fridge would need to have the room from a Tuesday Morning through to a Friday lunchtime, this was in the main due to the storage as a large proportion of food, particularly bread and pastries, were collected from the Monday evening onwards with everything being shared by a Friday. Councillor Gulson added that the vast majority of the tinned goods have now been distributed and the large bags of potatoes would be used up soon. In response to this the Clerk suggested that storage boxes be used for the pastries and the use of the fridges be maximised. Councillor M Oliver suggested that creating a storage area would make the room useable for someone else. Moving this suggestion forward, Members agreed that a storage cupboard be built along the far wall overlooking the outdoor gym and that the cupboard be table height so that it could still be used to collate the bags. Councillor G Needham agreed to assist with this.

CF51. BULKY WASTE COLLECTION

The Clerk reported that a bulky waste collection would be held on 10th July 2021 between 10am and 2.00pm at Queens Park car park. There would be a RCV for household items and 7.5 ton van for white goods. The event would be advertised around the village nearer the time.

CF52. GRASS FOOTBALL AND 3G UPDATE

The Clerk reported that since the relaxation of restrictions on 28th March there has been 56 football matches played at Queens Park and 21 at Middleton's Recreation Ground. A number of new teams have used the facilities and have passed on extremely positive comments as to the facilities. The Football season has been extended this year and will now be finishing at the end of June with the pitches being rested in July. Over the coming months the area will be treated with fertiliser and moss killer.

The 3G facility is seeing a higher than normal use for this time of year and is gaining a lot of interest for the autumn/winter period.

CF53. SKATE PARK EXTENSION UPDATE

The Clerk reported that the contractor for the skate park extension is pushing to get the metal work ready for an installation date on mid July.

CF54. RECREATION GROUND WILDLIFE MEADOW AND UPDATE ON INTERPRETATION BOARD FOR THE WILLOW POND AREA

Members were advised that with help from a local farmer and the Yaxley Countryside Volunteers the area of soil next to the pavilion has been sowed with a wildflower mix.

With regard to the interpretation board, Members' attention was drawn to the art work and text suggested by the Volunteers. In discussing the information before them, Members agreed that they would prefer to see more information on the Willow Tree and the impact of the tree on the pond. Councillor Chapman suggested that the use of the seasons to describe what to look out for would be good and Councillor Needham suggested that the use of cartoon drawing styles would make the board more appealing. The Clerk agreed to feedback these suggestions to the Countryside Volunteers.

CF55. MEMORIAL BENCH IN THE CEMETERY

Members supported a request to install a memorial bench at the top of C section in the cemetery in memory of Stacey Pyke. The Clerk confirmed that the bench would be the same style as those previously installed.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Husted". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed signature line.

Signed

Chairman.