

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Property Committee held in the Austin Hall,
the Amenity Centre, Main Street, Yaxley on 27th July 2021 at 7.00pm .**

Present:- Councillors R Butcher, D Chapman, B Doncaster, K Gulson, G Needham, M Oliver, S Sanderson and S Wayland.

In attendance – H Taylor.

PR1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On the proposition of Councillor R Butcher, seconded by Councillor K Gulson, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor M Oliver be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor M Oliver – Chairman in the Chair.

PR2. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D Hitchcock (personal).

PR3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

On the proposition of Councillor M Oliver, seconded by Councillor K Gulson, it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor G Needham be elected Vice Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

PR4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

PR5. MINUTES

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

PR6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

PR7. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

By way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), Members noted the repairs and maintenance carried out on the facilities since the last meeting, along with that planned.

PR8. USE OF BUILDINGS BY REGULAR HIRERS

In receiving a list of regular hirers for the Council's halls (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), Members thanked all those involved in hiring out the facilities particularly given the measures put in place by the team to be covid secure.

PR9. FEES AND CHARGES

By way a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members reviewed the hire charge for the Pavilion, Austin Hall, Owen Pooley Hall and Queens Park. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that

- the proposed hire rates, as outlined in the report, be approved to take effect from 1st February 2022 and reviewed again in 12 months;
- regular long term daily hall users (Monday to Friday) be awarded a 20% discount;
- the Clerk uses her discretion to award a 5% discount for regular weekend users of the hall where she sees fit; and
- the £6.00 cleaning fee per booking remain to cover the additional arrangements required as a result of covid and discussions be held with Stretton Pre School on this.

This was seconded by Councillor G Needham and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

PR10. REQUEST TO USE THE OWEN POOLEY HALL FOR FREE

By way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), Members considered a request to use the Owen Pooley Hall for free to run a clothing bank once a month on a Saturday morning. Having been advised that the hire would coincide with another booking in the Austin Hall resulting in no additional caretaking costs, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher, seconded by Councillor K Gulson and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the request be approved.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm

Signed

Chairman.