

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, the Amenity Centre, Main Street, Yaxley on
26th July 2022 at 7.00pm.**

Present:- Councillor J Lusted – Chairman

Councillors R Butcher, D Chapman, B Edwards, K Gulson, A Knight and A Minns.

In attendance – Mrs H Taylor.

CF18. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors M Oliver and S McMullon.

CF19. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors R Butcher and K Gulson declared “other” interests in Item No.CF22 by virtue of being allotment holders.

Councillor B Edwards declared a pecuniary interest in Item No.CF28 as a Friend of the Library.

CF20. MINUTES

Subject to the removal of Councillor A Knight’s name from the list of attendees, Councillor R Butcher proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 31st May 2022. This was seconded by Councillor D Chapman and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF21. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

CF22. ALLOTMENT INSPECTION UPDATE

Members were advised that following a recent allotment inspection, seventeen requiring improvement letters had been sent out. Special mention was made of the Bellvue site which had seen big improvements in the sites upkeep over the past twelve months. In response to previous complaints regarding footballs being kicked onto some allotments at Yards End, the Clerk reported that Yaxley Football Club had advised that they would be looking to replace the nets between their 3G pitch and the allotments before the start of the new football season.

CF23. COMMUNITY FRIDGE UPDATE

Councillor K Gulson reported that the Community Fridge remains busy. The level of surplus food being collected from local suppliers had decreased slightly however, local allotment holders had been extremely generous.

CF24. COMMUNITY LITTER PICK FEEDBACK

The Clerk was pleased to report that the group litter pick held earlier in the week had been a great success with a number of families turning out. The next group pick would be Monday 22nd August 2022 meeting at the Pavilion at 9.30am.

CF25. BULKY WASTE COLLECTION UPDATE

Following the success of the recent bulky waste collection Members discussed when to hold the next one. Having been reminded that the Queens Park and Amenity Centre sites were busy at weekends during the football season, Members agreed that end of June beginning of July was the ideal time to hold one.

CF26. ACCESSIBLE ROUNDABOUT UPDATE

Members were advised that a replacement accessible roundabout had been installed and would be ready for use once the Heras fencing was removed later in the week. The Clerk reported that she was seeking written confirmation from the installer that the level of the roundabout and wet pour met health and safety requirements.

CF27. MIDDLEGROUND REPAIR CAFE

It was reported that attendance at the recent Repair Café had been low. The Clerk advised that a repair café had been recently launched in Peterborough, which meets on the first Saturday of every month with it moving around locations. The Clerk has contacted the organisers to see if Yaxley could be included as a possible location. In the meantime, any enquiries regarding the Middleground Repair Café would be directed to the Peterborough project.

CF28. TOILET FACILITIES MIDDLETONS RECREATION GROUND UPDATE

Members were advised that plans to convert part of a changing room at the pavilion into a public toilet were progressing well with an internal wall being repositioned and the walls painted. Additional plumbing work would be carried out later this week with a view to opening the premises up next week. The Chairman reported that both the doctors and library would not be in a position to open their toilets to the public at the moment.

CF29. SKATE PARK SESSIONS/SPORTING SESSIONS UPDATE

The Clerk reported that the final arrangements for the go skate sessions were being discussed with a view to starting them very soon. The sessions would run from 6-7pm for 8-11 years and 7-8pm, 12 years and above, one evening a week for 8 sessions. Members noted also that the sport sessions for primary school ages were starting tomorrow and the 3G would be open from 12noon to 1pm for the youngsters to enjoy a kick around. Discussions then arose over the requirement to be DBS checked to supervise the 3G sessions and whether these checks were transferrable from one organisation to another. Councillor B Edwards would bring his certificate in for the Clerk to make enquiries with the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed 

Chairman.