

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, the Amenity Centre, Main Street, Yaxley on
28th February 2023 at 7.00pm.**

Present:- Councillor J Lusted - Chairman

Councillors R Butcher, S McMullon and M Oliver.

In attendance – Mrs H Taylor – Parish Clerk.

CF57. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors D Chapman, B Edwards, K Gulson, A Knight and A Minns.

CF58. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor S McMullon declared a pecuniary interest in Item No.CF65 by virtue of being an allotment holder.

CF59. MINUTES

Councillor R Butcher proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 22nd November 2022. This was seconded by Councillor S McMullon and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF60. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

CF61. WILLOW POND INTERPRETATION BOARD

Members were pleased to note that the interpretation board for Willow Pond had been installed in the Recreation Ground.

CF62. GRAFFITI WALL

Having received a proposal put forward by the Clerk to install a graffiti board on an area of land near to the pavilion, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher, seconded by Councillor M Oliver and unanimously **RESOLVED** that a graffiti board be built on the old garage base in the Recreation Ground, the cost to be met from the youth projects budget.

CF63. CHARGING OF VAT FOR SPORTS FACILITIES

By way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members were advised of a change to existing guidance from HMRC for sports and leisure services and the implications for the Parish Council. Having been advised that HMRC now accept that local authority sports services can be treated as non-business and outside the scope of VAT it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that:

- with effect from 1st April, VAT no longer be charged on the football pitches, cricket and 3G facilities, with the overall price remaining the same, given that the facilities are subsidised by the Parish Council; and
- guidance be awaited from HMRC over the possibility of reclaiming and refunding past payments.

This was seconded by Councillor S McMullon and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF64. CORONATION WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS

By way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book), Members were apprised with various events being planned for the Coronation Weekend.

CF65. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

Members noted that fees were outstanding on three plots and these had been sent reminders. There are currently 27 people on the allotment waiting list, 5 of which were non-residents of Yaxley.

CF66. REPAIR CAFE

Members were advised that Peterborough Repair Café would be returning to the Owen Pooley Hall on Saturday 4th March 2023 between the hours of 11am and 4pm. The Parish Council continues to support this project by giving the use of the hall for free.

CF67. COMMUNITY FRIDGE UPDATE

Councillor R Butcher reported that the Community Fridge remains busy with an average of 50 – 60 bags being given out every Wednesday and Friday. Having mentioned the work of the volunteers, the Chairman thanked all those who give up their time to help with the Community Fridge adding that it wouldn't be the success it is without them.

CF68. COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

Members were advised that the next Group Community Litter pick would be on Monday 3rd April 2023, volunteers should meet at the Pavilion at 9.30am. Refreshments would be provided afterwards.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed 

Chairman.