

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 26th January 2016.**

Present:- Councillor G Bellamy – Chairman;

Councillors R Butcher, S Butler, K Gulson, J Lusted, M Oliver, D Porteous, A Rees, S White and J Willis.

In attendance – H Taylor (Clerk) and Reg Bingham

CF58. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

CF59. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors G Bellamy and K Gulson declared other interests in CF63 by virtue of being allotment holders and refrained from voting thereon.

CF60. MINUTES

Councillor J Lusted proposed approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 17th November 2015. This was seconded by Councillor D Porteous and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF61. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the public wished to speak.

CF62. HEDGING UPDATE

Mr R Bingham updated the Committee on the work being undertaken by the Yaxley Countryside Group. Members were advised that the new hawthorn hedge had been planted at the cemetery along the A15. The area had been prepared with the help of Aidan Souter as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award programme. All the plants from the District Council's Parish Planting Scheme had been used on this area including the additional 100 plants requested for Waterslade Lane.

An area of brambles had been removed from the Manor Farm field hedge which had resulted in a number of gaps in the existing hedge. As a result an additional 200 hawthorn plants had been purchased to fill the gaps and Mr Bingham had used sheet netting to protect the new plants from the horses. In response to which, it was proposed by Councillor K Gulson that Mr Bingham be reimbursed for these purchases amounting to £98.58. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED** unanimously. Having noted that the hedge would need to be cut annually, Councillor G Bellamy proposed that the Clerk investigate who is responsible for the maintenance of this hedge with a view to the Parish Council taking it over. This was seconded by Councillor K Gulson and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

Attention was drawn to an area of hedge on Blenheim Way which had been cut back by the Group. It was reported that the trees in this section belonged to the District Council and were protected. The Group had cleared the site and in doing so had removed a large amount of rubbish dumped by residents including an oil drum. Members were of the opinion

that the residents should be written reminding them not to fly tip, the Clerk would contact Bridget Halford over this.

Finally Members placed on record their thanks to the Countryside Trust Group, and to the various Parish Councillors who had also given their time, for their work around the village.

CF63. ALLOTMENT RENT INCREASE

Members were presented with correspondence received from an allotment holder making representations against an increase in the allotment rent (a copy of the letter is appended in the Minute Book). Having received a breakdown of the expenditure associated with the allotments it was agreed that the Clerk should respond to the letter highlighting these costs.

Mention also was made of a suggestion from Produce World that they would be willing to revisit a previously suggested land swap with the Parish Council. Members referred to previous discussions and reiterated their concerns over flooding, soil type, development etc. However, it was agreed that Councillors S Butler, J Lusted, D Porteous and A Rees meet with Produce World to discuss the idea.

CF64. REQUESTS FOR A MEMORIAL BENCH IN THE CEMETERY

Consideration was given to two requests received from parishioners asking for permission to install a memorial bench in the cemetery. Having been advised that the benches would be the same as others in the cemetery it was proposed by Councillor D Porteous that the requests from Mr Weston and Mr Wilson be approved. This was seconded by Councillor J Willis and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF65. JUNIOR PLAY AREA MIDDLETONS ROAD

With the assistance of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members considered 3 quotes received for the installation of a junior play area at Middleton's Recreation Ground. Having discussed the various designs, Councillor K Gulson proposed that the design from Action Play and Leisure be put forward for an Action for All Grant. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

CF66. LED LIGHTING FOR 3G PITCH

Consideration was given to three quotes received for the installation of LED lighting at the 3G pitch. Having been advised of the annual electric costs for the pitch Members were of the opinion that LED lighting would be an expensive scheme to proceed with. Whereupon, on the proposition of Councillor K Gulson and having been seconded by Councillor R Butcher it was **RESOLVED** that the Contractors be thanked for submitting their quotes but the lighting on the 3G pitch remain as it is.

CF67. 3G FA PITCH TEST

On the proposition of Councillor R Butcher and having been seconded by Councillor J Willis it was **RESOLVED** that the 3G pitch be tested to allow FA affiliated games to take place on the pitch.

CF68. DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

The Clerk updated Members on progress to get 2 defibrillators installed in the village. Members were advised that the first application for funding from the British Heart Foundation had been unsuccessful and a subsequent application had put on hold due to a lack of funding. The Clerk would continue to pursue the application with them.

CF69. CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

Members were advised of a “Clean for the Queen” campaign being promoted as part of the Queen’s 90th birthday celebrations. Having been advised that the Clerk had written to the local schools and scouts/guide groups to see if the Parish Council could support them with this in anyway, Councillor J Lusted agreed to speak with the Infants School. In the meantime, the Clerk would sign up to the clear up being held from Friday 4 to Sunday 6th March 2016.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed

Chairman.

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