

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 24th November 2015.**

Present:- Councillor G Bellamy – Chairman;

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

In attendance – H Taylor (Clerk)

CF46. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillors S Howell (personal) and M Oliver (work).

CF47. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors G Bellamy and K Gulson declared other interests in CF53 by virtue of being allotment holders and refrained from voting thereon.

CF48. MINUTES

Councillor S Butler proposed approval of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Committee held on 20th October 2015. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF49. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the public wished to speak.

CF50. 3G PITCH – INSTALLATION OF LED LIGHTING

The Committee discussed the benefits of installing LED lighting at the 3G pitch and a request from the younger members of the community for the MUGA lighting to be turned back on. Members were advised that the MUGA lights were currently wired into the 3G lighting and would require their own independent switch. Having been advised of the likely cost of undertaking the work, it was proposed by Councillor K Gulson that quotes be obtained for installing LED lights at the 3G pitch and the work to the MUGA lights be approved subject to the overall cost of the work not exceeding £1,650 (excluding VAT). This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF51. BUDGET 2016/17

Members were presented with a budget report as at 30th September 2015 (a copy of which has been appended in the Minute Book). In discussing the various budget headings, actual spend against predicted and the proposed figures for 2016/17, Members' attention was drawn to income for burials which the Clerk felt should be reduced to £18,000. Reference then was made to the inclusion of maintenance under operations and rates under cemetery, and the likely cost of a tree survey, all of which the Clerk would investigate. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that subject to the change to burial income that the budget be recommended to Full Council for approval. This was seconded by Councillor D Porteous and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF52. JUNIOR PLAY AREA – MIDDLETONS RECREATION GROUND

Following a previous request by the Committee and by way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members considered plans to install a junior play area at Middleton's Road Recreation Ground. In doing so, mention was made to a requirement by the Clerk to complete a grant application for her CILCA course and the opportunity to use this scheme. Having discussed various funding streams should the application be unsuccessful, the style and material preferences and the possibility of looking at adult exercise equipment in the future, it was proposed by Councillor A Rees that the scheme to install a junior play area of timber structure be approved and the application to awards for all supported. This was seconded by Councillor J Willis and **RESOLVED**.

CF53. ALLOTMENTS 2016 – REVIEW OF FEES

On the proposition of Councillor S Butler and having been seconded by Councillor J Lusted it was **RESOLVED** that the allotment fees at Yards End & Whiteheads be increased to £40.00 (£20.00 for half a plot) for 2016 and Bellvue to £30.00 (£15.00 for half a plot).

CF54. RESERVATION OF A BURIAL PLOT

Consideration was given to two requests from non-parishioners to reserve a burial plot in the cemetery. Having been advised of their links to the village, it was proposed by Councillor D Porteous that the request from Ms C Peck and Mr & Mrs Millar to purchase a burial plot in Yaxley Cemetery be approved. This was seconded by Councillor J Willis and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF55. TREES IN CHURCHYARD

In considering a request from D and B Darke to trim two trees in the churchyard to give a better a signal from a radio mast, the Clerk reported that the churchyard lies within a conservation area and the enquirer would be required to make a Tree Work Application (Section 211 Notice) to Huntingdonshire District Council Planning Authority. She would be responding to the enquirer explaining this. At the same time, discussions arose over the responsibility of the Council for the churchyard and whether it was classed as being closed, in response to which the Clerk agreed to look into the matter.

CF56. WYKES FOOTPATH

On the proposition of Councillor R Butcher and having been seconded by Councillor S Butler it was **RESOLVED** that a litter bin be installed at the start of the Wykes Footpath. At the same time Councillors requested the Clerk to pass on their thanks to Mr Watt and his workforce for their hard work and efforts in laying the new footpath which would be an asset to the village.

CF57. FENCING AT QUEENS PARK

Members were advised of a problem with dogs accessing the playing fields at Queens Park. It was explained that the subsequent mess being left behind was causing a health and safety issue for those using the pitches and for staff and the park's boundary needed securing. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that temporary fencing be erected in the open areas along the boundary with the housing on Broadway. This was seconded by Councillor K Gulson and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed

Chairman.