

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 22nd September 2015.**

Present:- Councillor G Bellamy – Chairman;
Councillors R Butcher, S Butler, K Gulson, S Howe, S Howell, J Lusted, D Porteous, A Rees, S White and J Willis.

In attendance – H Taylor

CF26. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence from the meeting was received and accepted on behalf of Councillors M Oliver (work).

CF27. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors S Howe and S Howell declared other interests in item CF38 by virtue of being Directors of the Fenland Trust.

CF28. MINUTES

Subject to the inclusion of Councillor Gulson in the list of attendees and correction of the location of the garage in CF33 to London Road, Councillor R Butcher proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 28th July 2015. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF29. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Quinton, a regular user of the Astro addressed the Committee on the proposals to replace the existing surface (Minute No FC71 refers). He explained that a 3G pitch was a better service that would attract younger teams and was the surface favoured by most facilities providers.

CF30. BUDGET V ACTUAL

Members were presented with a budget monitoring report (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) showing the position of the Committee's budget as at 31st August 2015 compared to the agreed budget. Councillor Gulson referred to an overlap in the allocations for operations with the property committee which was due to the new accounting format. Following which and on the proposition of Councillor R Butcher and seconded by Councillor D Porteous it was **RESOLVED** that the budget monitoring report be noted.

CF.31 LOCAL HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT GRANTS – PROPOSALS FOR BROADWAY

Further to Minute No. CF19 and by way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members were acquainted with the design proposals for two uncontrolled pinchpoints on Broadway. In doing so, Members raised concerns over the location of the second point given its close proximity to the Farmers restaurant. As a result of which, Councillor R Butcher proposed that the position of the 1st pinchpoint near Shackleton Way be approved but that Cambridgeshire County Council be asked to look again at the location of the 2nd pinchpoint with a view to moving it towards London Road. This was seconded by J Lusted and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

At the same time, Members noted the County Council's response to a request for an additional crossing at the proposed housing development for the old Snowcap Mushroom site on Broadway. It was reported that there was no external crossings proposed, however an application under the Local Highways Improvement Scheme could be made in the future for a pinchpoint in the area.

Finally, Members were pleased to note the County Council's willingness to install a dropped kerb outside the Amenity Centre and to lay the final section of tarmac at the cemetery disabled parking bay as part of the work planned for this year.

CF32. YAXLEY COUNTRYSIDE TRUST

In considering a schedule of work put forward by the Yaxley Countryside Trust, Councillor R Butcher proposed that approval be given for Green Lane field, Blenheim Way hedge and the pond in the Recreation Ground and that Mr Bingham be put into contact with the correct landowners for the Manor Farm field hedge and Mere View Wood. This was seconded by Councillor S Howell and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

With regard to Mere View Wood Members were reminded of the history of this land which resulted in its ownership by the Inland Revenue. Having briefly discussed the woods future, Members were of the opinion that it was not an area of land which the Parish Council would want to take ownership of. However, the Clerk would endeavour to contact the Inland Revenue with a view to getting the vegetation cut back.

Whilst discussing the pond in the Recreation Ground, Councillor S Howe referred to a habitat survey being undertaken and he agreed to let the Clerk have the details to pass onto Mr Bingham.

CF33. DEFIBRILLATOR.

Further to Minute No. CF14, Members were pleased to note that approx. £1200 had been raised for the proposed defibrillator scheme. A funding application to the British Heart Foundation had also been made the outcome of which was awaited. Having been advised that Produce World was not manned 24 hours Members discussed an alternative location to locate a machine. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that an approach be made to the Police Federation and the owners of the BP garage on London Road to locate the defibrillators on their sites. This was seconded by Councillor S Howell and **RESOLVED**.

CF34. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – SWITCH ON ARRANGEMENTS

In discussing arrangements for lighting the Christmas trees this year, it was proposed by Councillor K Gulson that there be a switch on involving the local schools and that the Clerk be requested to investigate the logistics for this. This was seconded by Councillor A Rees and **RESOLVED**.

CF35. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 – EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC.

That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor D Porteious and seconded by Councillor S Howell that the meeting should be closed to the public and press at 8.15pm.

CF36. TREE WORKS

Further to Minute No.CF23, Members considered a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) summarising details of two quotations received for various tree works and detailing further work required to the Poplar trees in the Recreation Ground. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that the quotation from Baynes Tree Care, to include the cutting back of 4 trees on Apple Trees Close, be accepted and the proposed work for the Poplar trees approved. This was seconded by Councillor D Porteious and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF37. CEMETERY

Having discussed the gravelling of the north area "3rd quarter triangle" of the cemetery and in receiving three quotes for the supply of gravel, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that discussions be held with the grounds team to see whether the work is feasible and can be fitted into the work schedule. This was seconded by Councillor A Rees and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF38. RESURFACING OF THE ASTRO PITCH

With the aid of a business case produced by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) Members considered the whether to replace the existing worn surface of the Astro pitch with either a 3G surface or a sand filled turf. In doing so, Members were advised of the views of the existing teams who use the facility along with those of youth teams who have recently moved on to a new 3G pitch in the village. It was reported that younger teams prefer a 3G pitch as the sand filled is more abrasive when it comes to trips and falls.

In comparing the two surfaces, Members were advised that the sand filled turf would require additional works to amend the current macadam depth to accommodate the new turf and shockpad. This would incur an additional cost and may delay the start of any works until 2016 which would result in a loss of revenue if the facility had to be closed for an extended period.

Whilst considering 3 quotations received for the installation of a 3G surface, Members attention was drawn to the Council's reserves which included general reserves of £173,036 and earmarked reserves of £18,000 for play equipment and pitch maintenance.

Following which it was proposed by Councillor A Rees that the quote from Replay to install a 3G surface be accepted, subject to approval from Full Council for the cost to be met from the Council's general reserves. This was seconded by Councillor D Porteious and **RESOLVED**.

CF39. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 – RE-ADMITTANCE OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business being concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor S Howell and seconded by Councillor R Butcher that the press and public should be readmitted to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.38pm

Signed

Chairman.