

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Property Committee  
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015.**

Present:- Councillor R Butcher – Chairman  
Councillors A Bartle, G Bellamy, C Bolton, K Gulson, J Lusted, D Porteous, A Rees and J Willis.

In attendance – H Taylor.

**PR14. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillor M Oliver (work commitments).

**PR15. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No declarations were received.

**PR16. MINUTES**

Councillor C Bolton proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

In doing so reference was made to the use of the kitchen at Queens Park for the provision of refreshments during weekend football matches and the Clerk reported that this was proving very successful and that she would be open to ideas from teams as to what they require.

**PR17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

**PR18. FEES AND CHARGES**

Further to Minute No PR7 the Clerk explained that the hire charge for the pavilion reported at the last meeting had been inaccurate and should have been £7.00 and £8.00 for 2014/15 resulting in a price increase of £7.50 and £8.50. Whereupon, Councillor J Lusted proposed that the hire charge for the pavilion, from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015, of £7.50 for Mondays to Fridays and £8.50 Saturday and Sundays be ratified. This was seconded by Councillor J Willis and **RESOLVED**.

**PR19. 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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 compared to the agreed budget. Members were advised that the electricity, gas and water rates were now broken down for the individual buildings rather than lumped together as one. Whereupon, on the proposition of Councillor K Gulson and seconded by Councillor J Lusted it was **RESOLVED** that the budget monitoring report be noted.

**PR20. NEW YEARS EVE HIRE**

Having discussed whether to take room hire bookings for New Year's Eve, it was proposed by Councillor D Porteous that the Council's facilities not be made available for hire on New Year's Eve. This was seconded by Councillor J Willis and **RESOLVED**.

**PR21. DSFK VAN PURCHASE**

By way of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members were received details of the specification for and costings from 3 companies of supplying a DSFK Double Cab. In the discussions that ensued, Councillor Bartle questioned the decision making process, particularly the reasons behind choosing such a vehicle against others on the market and the involvement of Members of this Committee. In response to which, the Chairman explained that he had arranged for Members to see the vehicle during the summer, unfortunately a number of Councillors had not been able to attend. He also reminded Members that provision had been made in the budget for the purchase of such a vehicle and this had been spoken of in the past at full Council.

In response to a question by Councillor Bellamy over the choice of vehicle, the Chairman advised that alternative vehicles had been looked at but that it was felt that a tipper truck was not required. He added that the Grounds Team had been consulted and it was felt that the double cab would be the best option for them.

Having acknowledged that there was a need for a second vehicle it was proposed by Councillor D Porteous that a DSFK double cab van be purchased. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and **RESOLVED** with 3 Members voting against the decision. Councillor A Bartle asked that it be recorded that in his view the case to purchase this particular van had not been made.

Following which and on the proposition of Councillor D Porteous and seconded by Councillor A Rees, it was **RESOLVED** that the van be purchased from Bob Wildings Ltd but that further negotiations be had with a view to obtaining further savings and that the final package be reported to full Council.

Finally, on the proposition of Councillor K Gulson and seconded by Councillor A Rees, it was **RESOLVED** that an additional set of council crest stickers be obtained to be placed on the suzuki carrier van.

**PR22. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

Members' attention was drawn to a schedule of maintenance work carried out on the Council's facilities since their previous meeting and that planned for the next 3 months. Particular mention was made of the work to improve the appearance of the corridor and changing rooms at Queens Park which had been the subject of a deep clean and repaint. In response to which, Members placed on record their appreciation of the efforts of the Ground team and caretaker in undertaking the work.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed .....

Chairman.

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