

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 24th January 2017.**

Present:- Councillor G Bellamy - Chairman
Councillors C Bolton, R Butcher, P Croke, J Lusted, M Oliver, D Porteous and A Wood.

In attendance – H Taylor (Clerk).

CF59. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillor S Butler, K Gulson and J Willis (all personal).

CF60. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None were received.

CF61. MINUTES

Councillor J Lusted proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 22nd November 2016. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and unanimously **RESOLVED.**

CF62. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

CF63. OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT

With the aid of a report by the Clerk (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members discussed setting up a Working Group to progress the outdoor play equipment project. Issues to be considered would include the target audience, location, equipment type and extras i.e charging points and USB points. Having been advised that a resident had shown a keen interest in the project it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that a Outdoor Gym Equipment Working Group comprising of Councillors S Butler, K Gulson, J Lusted and the resident be established. This was seconded by Councillor J Lusted and unanimously **RESOLVED.**

CF64. CEMETERY

CF64.1 MEMORIAL INSPECTION FEEDBACK

Following an inspection of the memorials in the cemetery and St Peters graveyard, Members were advised that a small number of headstones had been found to be coming away from their ground anchor. These headstones had been secured with a stake and tagged with a notice advising the family to contact the office, so far 4 families had done so.

Mention was also made of three graves with spike railings and a number of others with curbing around the memorial. Members were advised that grave owners are now requested to sign that they will adhere to the cemetery rules and regulations and that these clearly state that curbs and railings are not allowed as part of the memorial. In that respect a Member reported that curbs and railings had been allowed in the past. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor Oliver that the cemetery rules and regulations



and any signed paperwork for the graves with curbing be brought to the next meeting for further discussion. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED**.

The Clerk also reported that notices would be going up, before the grass cutting season, to ask that people refrain from placing flowers and receptacles in the grass behind the sanctums, as it was making it difficult for the grounds team to cut the grass.

CF64.2 REQUEST FOR A BENCH

Having considered a request to install a bench next to the gravelled ashes area, Members agreed to visit the area in question in order to examine its suitability given the overhanging tree branches.

CF65. QUEENS PARK PITCHES – REINSPECTION REPORT

Attention was drawn to a pitch improvement programme for Queens Park produced by the Football Association (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book). Members were please to note that the report's author felt that improvements had been made to the playing surfaces since the previous report in 2015. The Clerk explained that since the inspection, the playing surfaces had been aerated and that arrangements were being made to have an application of fertilizer applied to strengthen the grass. In addition the surface would be treated for weeds once the playing season was over.

CF66. RECREATION GROUND UPDATE

The Committee were updated with progress to repair the pitches on the Recreation Ground following the act of vandalism before Christmas.

CF67. FIRE ENGINE – REQUEST TO BORROW

In considering a request to borrow the fire engine, Members mentioned the need for the borrower to sign an indemnity agreement and have insurance and a secure site to house the engine overnight.

CF68. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

In receiving an allotment update Members noted that a half plot on Whiteheads had become available which would be an ideal plot for a school project. Whereupon, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher, seconded by Councillor M Oliver and **RESOLVED** that Yaxley Infants be offered the half plot for free.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed 

Chairman.