

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Facilities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Yaxley Parish Council on 26th September 2017.**

Present:- Councillors J Lusted – Chairman
Councillors G Bellamy, C Bolton, R Butcher, K Gulson, J Lusted, D Porteous, P Richardson, J Willis and S White.

In attendance – H Taylor and Councillor A Wood.

CF34. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received and accepted on behalf of Councillor J Orchard (personal).

CF35. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors ~G Bellamy, R Butcher and K Gulson declared “other” interests in Item No.CF40 by virtue of being allotment holders.

CF36. MINUTES

Councillor R Butcher proposed approval of the Minutes of the Committee held on 18th July 2017. This was seconded by Councillor J Willis and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF37. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Member of the Public wished to speak.

CF38. REQUEST FOR A BENCH IN THE CEMETERY

Consideration was given to a request to install a memorial bench in the cemetery. Having been advised that the bench would be the same as others in the cemetery and there was sufficient room, it was proposed by Councillor R Butcher that the request from Mr Speechley be approved. This was seconded by Councillor G Bellamy and unanimously **RESOLVED**.

CF39. YOUTH TRIBUTE IN RECREATION GROUND – UPDATE

Following on from discussions at the last Full Council meeting, Members were advised that Michelle Lay and Paul Underwood had met the evening before with a group of lads in the Recreation Ground to discuss various issues including a possible tribute in the rec.

It was reported that a group chat was being set up so ideas for a tribute could be shared, as the group were still a little undecided as to the way forward on its design. However, they had said they would like it to be located either adjacent to the existing youth shelter or near to the new seating area at the rear of the pavilion.

Mention was made of a request from the Group for the existing youth shelter to be modified to provide more comfortable seating and perhaps windbreaks. The Clerk reported that she had contacted the manufacturer of the shelter that day and that they had advised that it cannot be modified as any attempt to weld anything to the structure would open it up to potential damage such as rust. However, efforts would be made to remove the graffiti.

With regard to the new benches to the rear of the pavilion, Members were pleased to note that the group were extremely happy with this covered area.

In welcoming the feedback so far, Councillor C Bolton proposed that Councillors K Gulson and P Richardson continue to liaise with the Group with a view to producing a detailed proposal for a tribute and that this be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee. This was seconded by Councillor R Butcher and **RESOLVED**.

CF40. ALLOTMENTS INSPECTION

Members received feedback on a recent inspection of the allotments and noted that 22 warning letters and one eviction letter had been sent out with Whiteheads being the most overgrown and Bellvue the best.

CF41. GREEN PARK IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

The Clerk reported that a bench and bin had been installed in the Green Park off Seaton Close. Having been informed of a request from a resident to install lighting in the area, Councillor S White agreed to look at solar panel lighting and would send any suitable designs to the Clerk for discussion at a future meeting.

CF42. USE OF 3G AND FOOTBALL PROVISION

Members received a schedule of football teams using the Councils facilities (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book). In doing so, it was noted that the 3G pitch was coming up to its busiest period with week nights fully booked and that Queen Park was extremely busy.

CF43. QUEEN PARK FIELD – VERTI DRAINAGE

The Committee noted verti drainage had been arranged for October and that the fertilising treatment had been so successful that it would be repeated next May.

CF44. ANNUAL TREE INSPECTION UPDATE

By way of a report by the Clerk, (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) Members noted that the Council's tree stock had been inspected during August by the Tree Warden and Grounds Team. It was reported that following the inspection P R Newson were asked to examine 9 trees causing concern. This was carried out on 14th September and Newson's were very impressed with how proactive the Council is regarding trees.

Having received a list of trees requiring work outside the Grounds Team capabilities and to avoid any delays, Councillor R Butcher proposed that the Clerk be authorised, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to invite quotes for the work and to award the contract. This was seconded by Councillor S White and **RESOLVED** unanimously. Members also requested that a programme of tree planting be submitted to a future meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.32pm

Signed *J. Lusted*

Chairman.