

MINUTES of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING held on **Tuesday 13th June 2023 at Summercourt Memorial Hall commencing at 7.50pm.**

PRESENT: Cllrs M Bunyan, M Kessell, R Cole, A Shaw, C Cowburn, C Hook & M Gregory.

SUBSTITUTE: Cllr R Wimberley

APOLOGIES: Cllr D Hearl

23/GP01 Election of Committee Chairman for municipal year.

Proposal by Cllr Bunyan, Cllr Hearl is General Purposes Committee Chairman for the forthcoming municipal year, seconded Cllr Hook.

No other nominations.

It was **resolved** Cllr Hearl is General Purposes Committee Chairman for the forthcoming municipal year.

23/GP02 Election of Committee Vice-Chairman for municipal year.

Proposal by Cllr Shaw, Cllr Bunyan is General Purposes Committee Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming municipal year, seconded Cllr Hook .

No other nominations.

It was **resolved** Cllr Bunyan is General Purposes Committee Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming municipal year.

23/GP03 Declarations of Interest in agenda items.

None.

23/GP04 Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 14th June 2022 to be approved.

Proposal by Cllr Shaw to approve the minutes of 14th June 2022, seconded Cllr Wimberley, unanimous.

The above was duly **resolved**.

23/GP05 Matters arising

22/GP33- Cllr Cole to chase Rachael Tatlow regarding Church Lane.

23/GP06 Playing Fields

a. Thomas Playing Field

i. HAGS- update.

HAGS has proved a list of items to be repaired and also a new maintenance contract for signing, which no longer includes touch up paint.

Cllrs Cole, Kessell & Shaw have checked the list against the items in the Play Area, and have highlighted additional items which they feel also need maintenance. It is not clear what safety surfacing they are talking about. The Clerk has already queried the Maintenance Plan.

Proposal by Cllr Cole he goes back to HAGS and asks for a meeting on site with the representative, and puts together a formal response, Handyman to clean and spray area, closing the area for 2 days and to purchase a small tower, seconded Cllr Kessell, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

ii. To consider, note and resolve Annual Inspection Report, to approve assoc. expenditure (if any).

Annual Inspection sheets circulated via email prior to the meeting.

Proposal by Cllr Cole to note, seconded Cllr Kessell.

The above was duly **resolved**.

b. Indian Queens Recreation Ground

- i. To consider and note Annual Inspection Report.

Noted

- ii. Zipwire- to receive quote for repair, along with other issues highlighted on Annual Report, to consider and resolve, to approve assoc. expenditure (if any).

To defer as quote not received.

- iii. Public Toilets- continual vandalism, to consider and resolve, to approve assoc. expenditure (if any).

The public toilets are attracting anti-social behaviour and vandalism on a regular basis. The disabled hand rail has been bent and pulled off the wall so needs replacing and dual flushes broken, only full flush currently working. Toilet roll is being wetted and thrown around (photos provided). This is not only annoying for the toilet operative but is also wasting a significant amount of toilet roll.

Proposal by Cllr Shaw to replace handrail, fix flushes and including expenditure, seconded Cllr Wimberley, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

Members to pop in and monitor to try and ascertain time of vandalism.

- iv. Youth Club Building- to review draft hire form, amend (if required), and recommend to Full Council adoption.

Draft hire form circ. with meeting papers.

Proposal by Cllr Cole to recommend to Full Council to adopt the hire form as circulated and will not charge a fee as assume events will all be Community related, seconded Cllr Shaw, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

- c. Any other matters relating to Playing Fields.

None.

23/GP07 New allotments- update on marking out and letting of plots.

The Clerk reported inspections had been carried out on the existing allotments and several were uncultivated. Were members happy a letter is sent to tenants requesting they are cultivated within 4 weeks or handed back for re-letting?

Marking of new plots will need to wait until hedges are cut in September,

Proposal by Cllr Shaw to purchase stakes for marking out plots in September, and approve letters to current tenants of uncultivated plots, seconded Cllr Wimberley, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

23/GP08 Cemeteries –

- i. Indian Queens new Cemetery Extension- to consider ideas for landscaping area for Clerk to obtain quotes. The Clerk has received a complaint regarding the new Remembrance Gardens, the resident did not like the edging and requested it is replaced.

It was agreed to leave as is for the time being, and to bring back in 12 months..

Members to view Remembrance Garden.

- ii. Churchyard- complaints received; one requesting grass is collected when cut, another requesting grass is not cut and left as a natural churchyard, currently

strimmed 10 times per year, grass not collected, to consider and resolve.
Proposal by Cllr Shaw to leave as is, seconded Cllr Cowburn, carried.
The above was duly **resolved**.

23/GP09 Indian Queens Pit Open Space- public seat not repairable, £175 for new, to consider and resolve, to approve assoc. expenditure (if any).
Proposal by Cllr Cowburn to approve purchase, seconded Cllr Cole , carried.
The above was duly **resolved**.

23/GP10 Kelliers- to consider way forward, and update from Flying Fish, to consider and make recommendation to Full Council.
Clerk reported to members Flying Fish, whose building backs onto the Kelliers, are desperate for additional staff parking. They have requested to use some of the land on the Kelliers and in return will help the Parish Council upgrade the area. This can be in the form of creating a parking area, not only for their staff but also for residents who are using the area, creating walks and helping with the landscaping. They have offered to attend a Full Council meeting to put this to members formally.
Proposal by Cllr Wimberley to request further information, on space needed, and invite to September meeting, seconded Cllr Kessell, carried.
The above was duly **resolved**.

23/GP11 Correspondence
None.

23/GP12 Other urgent business.
None.

23/GP13 To set date and request agenda items for next GPC meeting.
The next meeting will be September 2023 after Planning Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.45pm.

Signed : (Chairman) (dated)