

MINUTES of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING held on **Tuesday 12th September 2023 at Summercourt Memorial Hall commencing at 8.50pm.**

PRESENT: Cllrs D Hearl, M Bunyan, M Kessell, R Cole, A Shaw, C Cowburn, P Cocks & C Hook.

SUBSTITUTE: Cllrs J Baker, R Beardwell

APOLOGIES: Cllr M Gregory,

23/GP14 Declarations of Interest in agenda items.

None.

23/GP15 Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 13th June 2023 to be approved.

Proposal by Cllr Hook to approve the minutes of 13th June 2023, seconded Cllr Kessell, unanimous.

The above was duly **resolved**.

23/GP16 Matters arising

23/GP07- New Allotment car park due to start on 5th October.

23/GP17 Playing Fields

a. Thomas Playing Field

HAGS- update.

Update from Mark Gornall that DCM (safety surface contractors) are going to attend the site. Once they have been and made an assessment, he will then clarify what works will be undertaken.

Cllr Cole stated that Mark Gornall acknowledged that everything had gone wrong with the installation.

b. Indian Queens Recreation Ground

i. Bow top fencing for Youth Club Building, to consider and resolve, to approve assoc. expenditure (if any).

Additional bow top fencing is required top car park site to avoid people coming down the bank and making it unstable. The Parish Council has one length of 'Jacksons' fencing left from Strongman's field, and also 2 lengths of Caloo fencing, which was removed from Indian Queens Rec. to facilitate the extension. The Caloo fencing is not as long as the Jacksons fencing, there is also a height difference. Proposal by Cllr Cole to purchase additional Jackson fencing and complete the build professionally, seconded Cllr Shaw, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

c. Any other matters relating to Playing Fields.

Padlock on storage container- Indian Queens YFC are struggling to get additional keys cut due to the security lock. They have asked if they can put on their own padlock and give the Council a key?

Proposal by Cllr Cowburn to swap over padlocks from the shed, seconded Cllr Shaw, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

23/GP18 Allotment -to consider how to remove considerable rubbish from allotment-previous tenant not responding.

The Clerk explained she had written to the 5 tenants concerning their uncultivated

plots. Whilst 3 responded to say they no longer required their plots, 2 tenants made no contact. The Clerk tried phoning to ensure they were aware their plots were going to be re-let but couldn't make contact.

1 plot is particularly bad, the Clerk was unaware when it was re-let due to the amount of weeds, but under the weeds is 4 layers of carpet, a lot of broken glass and metal work, and rotten wood. The current tenants are struggling to clear, they have done 4 'dump runs' but the waste site is saying they have now reached their limit and it is commercial waste. Each time they go they need to hire a trailer and it is costing them a considerable amount. They are still happy to take the plot but have asked for some help.

Clerk didn't know if anyone knows someone with a van, who clears rubbish or whether we could hire a small skip for them?

Proposal by Cllr Cocks to hire a small skip from Julians, seconded Cllr Bunyan, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

23/GP19 Correspondence

None.

23/GP20 Other urgent business.

Thomas Playing Field – request for use of the Thomas Playing field for market and possibly for fireworks.

Discussion took place regarding Risk Assessments, Safety Plans, vehicles driving through the play area, where we already have issues with the surfacing and it is due to be inspected at any point, and covenants on the Deeds.

Proposal from Cllr Bunyan to not allow market, seconded Cllr Baker, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

Proposal by Cllr Cowburn not to allow fireworks, seconded Cllr Shaw, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

23/GP21 To set date and request agenda items for next GPC meeting.

The next meeting will be January 2024 after Planning Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.15pm.

Signed : (Chairman) (dated)