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Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee held on the 15th January 2013 at the Village Hall

Present: Di Ames (Chair), Trevor Cooper, Stuart Southall, Ann Lovesey James Rudgley

Apologies: Derrick Folbigg

Clerk: Anne Papé

Meeting opened 20:10

MINUTES

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

1.1 Di Ames welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Derrick Folbigg.

2. Declarations of interest in any matter – being prejudicial or personal - None

2.1 Trevor Cooper declared interest in item 6 of the agenda

3. To consider the specifications for the grass cutting contract

3.1 The Clerk tabled the draft specifications. These were reviewed and agreed. Separate specifications were to be drawn up for the playing field grasscutting.

3.2 A deadline of the 15th February 2013 was agreed.

4. To consider works to the seating area at the crossroads

4.1 It was agreed that the lowest boughs and suckers should be removed from the tree at the crossroads to open up the area.

Action – Clerk to request quotes.

4.2 The condition and location of the Wöllstein Partnership signs were discussed. Trevor Cooper agreed to raise this with the Wöllstein Partnership committee at their next meeting.

5. To consider works to the trees at the junction of Willoughby Close and the High Street.

5.1 The committee recommended that the Silver Birch be removed and a bench potentially installed. It was agreed to put this recommendation to the Full Council.

Action – Clerk to add to the agenda for a Full Council meeting.

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6. To consider the draft letter for the planting scheme in Pyms Close

6.1 The letter was reviewed by the committee. It was agreed that a blank plan would be included for residents to submit their own ideas.

Action – Clerk to make amendments and print the letter for delivery.

7. To discuss the procedure for applying for Dog Control Orders

7.1 The committee discussed the procedures around the Dog Control Orders. It was agreed that the Clerk would request further information with respect to enforcement training and costs, and the Control Orders that would be put in place by the Borough Council.

Action – Clerk to consult with Bedford Borough Council.

8. To review the schedule of works

8.1 Southview/Silver Street - hedge needs to be cut back to the path line

Action – Clerk to write to the resident

8.2 Corner of Silver Street tree has grown over the street light.

Action – Clerk to contact Highways again.

8.3 Hedgerow on the High Street by Saville Close is overhanging the road.

Action – Clerk to contact BPHA

8.4 James' Field – vegetation growing across the footpath.

Clerk – Clerk to ask Carole Ellis to follow up with the Borough Council.

8.5 The Gambings – overgrown ivy is still an issue.

Action – Clerk to contact Rights of Way.

8.6 The Anchor – tree by the entrance to the car park is overhanging.

Action – Clerk to contact the landlord.

8.7 Overgrowth from the property by Church Walk overhanging the High Street.

Action – Clerk to contact the homeowner.

8.8 Vegetation to the rear of No.7 Pyms Close was overhanging the footpath.

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Action – Clerk to contact BPHA

8.9 Pym's Close waste ground – it was agreed to cut back the brambles to clear the footpath and to reduce the height of the overgrowth.

Action – Clerk to instruct Handyman

8.10 Lorries had been observed speeding along New Road. It was agreed that Simon Deards would be asked to contact the company responsible.

Meeting closed at 22:00

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