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Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee held on the 04<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at the Village Hall

**Councillors present:** Di Ames (Chair), Nick Papé, Trevor Cooper, James Rudgley, Ann Lovesey.

**Apologies:** Derrick Folbigg, Stuart Southall.

**In attendance:** Graham Pendrey

**Clerk:** Anne Papé

Meeting opened 19:30

**MINUTES**

**1. To receive and approve apologies for absence**

1.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Folbigg and Councillor Southall.

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

**3. To review the schedule of works**

3.1 The Clerk tabled a schedule of works see Appendix 1. The schedule was reviewed in detail by the Committee and actions agreed.

3.2 The issue of the private gate into the Jubilee Play Area was discussed. The Committee reconciled to add the item to the Full Council agenda for further discussion.

3.3 Councillor Lovesey advised the committee that a residents wall by the telephone exchange was in a poor condition. It was agreed to advise the resident of the damage.

**4. To consider quotations for tree works**

4.1 A further quote was awaited. Item to be included on the agenda for the December Full Council meeting.

**5. To consider quotations for grasscutting and maintenance in Woodpecker Close**

5.1 The quotes received to date were reviewed. Mr Reynolds was to be asked for more detail. Item to be included on the agenda for the December Full Council meeting.

5.2 The meeting was closed for a member of the public to address the Committee.

5.2.1 A section of the ditch on the far side of Woodpecker Close had not been cut. The resident asked if this could be addressed.

Action – Clerk to inspect the area and ask the Handyman to carry out the required works.

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**6. To consider the open spaces in Woodpecker Close**

6.1 The area of open space at the entrance to Woodpecker Close would be considered for a Community Orchard. The Clerk would discuss this further with Ed Burnett from Bedford Borough Council.

6.2 The Committee agreed that the proposed public exhibition with regard to the Bedford Road development would provide a good opportunity for the proposals for a Community Orchard and the Rural Exception Sites to be presented to residents of Great Barford.

**7. To review the results of the Dog Control Order Consultation**

7.1 The draft report was circulated to the committee prior to the meeting. The Committee felt that Frequently Asked Questions from the consultation could be addressed via the Parish Council website and magazine.

7.2 The Committee requested that the Committee ask the Borough Council for further information with regard to the supply of signs.

7.3 A general discussion was held around the need for the Dog Control Orders and the possibility of phasing in the controls.

Meeting closed at 20:30

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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