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Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee held on the 02nd October 2013 at the Village Hall

Councillors present: Di Ames (Chair), Derrick Folbigg, Trevor Cooper, Stuart Southall, James Rudgley, Nick Papé, Ann Lovesey.

Clerk: Anne Papé

Meeting opened 20:55

MINUTES

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence - None

2. Declarations of interest in any matter – being prejudicial or personal

2.1 Councillor Cooper declared an interest in item 5 of the agenda.

3. To discuss the Dog Control Order Consultation and review the press release

3.1 The press release was agreed by all. The consultation forms were ready for distribution. Councillors would deliver them to their allocated areas.

4. To consider works required to the playing field

4.1 The Committee agreed to request quotations for works to improve the condition of the field. Councillor Folbigg would assist the Clerk in this. The remainder of the Sports 106 contribution from Moody Homes would be put towards the works and grants would be sought. A rolling programme of maintenance would also be required.

5. To consider the planting scheme for Pyms Close

5.1 The meeting was closed to allow Mr Adams to address the Committee. The landscaping schemes were discussed and the meeting then reopened.

5.2 The Committee discussed the need for an area of planting by the parking area to protect vehicles. Planting to include hardy shrubs and 3 trees such as silver birches. Councillor Ames proposed that quotations be requested for the work; 4 Councillors voted in favour and 2 abstained. The proposal was carried.

5.3 The Committee agreed that the Pyms Close area required tidying up in general. Open spaces should be edged and the Borough Council contacted with regards to the poor condition of the footways.

6. To review the findings from the village walk

6.1 Reports were still awaited from some Councillors. Reports to be sent to the Clerk for circulation prior to the next Parks and Open Spaces committee meeting.

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7. To consider the location of the tree seat and Jubilee tree

7.1 The tree would be left in place for the immediate future. It was suggested that the tree seat be relocated to the Fishers Close side of the playing field. It was agreed that Councillors that were available would meet at the playing field on Saturday 05th October at 09.30am to look at possible locations.

8. To review the Scarecrow and front garden competitions and make recommendations for 2014

8.1 The Committee agreed that the Scarecrow competition would be advertised at an earlier date. Councillors would make and display scarecrows 6 weeks prior to the completion for advertising purposes. A Scarecrow trail would be in place on the weekend of the 14th-15th June. Teas and coffees on offer at the village hall and church would be requested. Scarecrows would be on display from 09th-15th June. A theme of Nursery Rhymes was agreed.

8.2 The Front Garden competition would be judged whilst undertaking the village walk in mid July.

9. To consider the Budget requirements for 2014/2015

9.1 The following works were to be considered for the 2014-2015 budget:

- Pym's Close landscaping
- Jubilee tree
- Playing field improvements and maintenance
- Tree works as identified in the tree survey
- Fencing between the Strawberry Fields and Jubilee play area boundary
- Chapel Field play area
- Wet pour in the Jubilee Play area

Action – Clerk to contact Steve Tomlin at Bedford Borough Council with respect to the warranty for the wet pour. Handyman to be asked to move in the wooden surround for the swings.

Meeting closed at 21:55

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