

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 23rd NOVEMBER 2021 IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. J Wogan (Chairman), Hill, Josephson, Pritchitt, Spackman, Summers & Williams

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. T Lewin. Miss S Wright (allotment representative)

**NOT PRESENT:**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Asst Clerk. Mr & Mrs Keen

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Cllr. Wogan advised the Committee of the death of Elizabeth Gabriel, who was a previous Chairman of the Parish Council and Chairman of the Amenities & Services Committee. The Asst. Clerk was asked to put an announcement onto the Council's website and Facebook page.

**240/21 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Mrs Keen complained about the state of the footpaths and pavements in the village. She advised that she had been in contact with East Sussex County Council regarding the stiles on some footpaths – these were too tall and impossible for some people to climb over. She asked if the Parish Council could try to get the County Council to lower these stiles – particularly the one near Swans Ghyll. Also, a lot of pavements are impassable due to overgrown hedges and vegetation making pedestrians walk in the road on some occasions.

Mr Keen commented on the Parish Council's recent article in the November edition of the Parish News – he felt it discouraged parishioners from approaching the Parish Council.

**241/21 APOLOGIES**

Cllr. T Lewin due to a family commitment

**242/21 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW**

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

**243/21 RECORDS OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

Cllr. Josephson proposed the minutes of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED.

There were no objections to the deletion of the digital transcript of that meeting.

**244/21 CLARIFICATION OF (NON-CONFIDENTIAL) ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

None

**245/21 TO NOTE CLERK'S REPORT ON PENDING MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION**

- Pending works:
  - Ashdown surgery access – no progress since the last meeting
  - Verge bollards (A22/Lower Road green) – on the 'to do' list.
  - Rush Green culverts – The blacksmiths have not replied despite reminders, leaving the task unfinished.
  - The 'Shoe Oak' protective works and play area repairs are on the priority 'to do' list.
  - The additional water trough for the allotments is on the 'to do' list by next Spring
- Gilham Bank grant application - The Clerk will look into applying to the Tesco 'Bags of Help' scheme. Cllr. Wogan suggested that this area could be considered by Full Council as a project to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

3. Tree Planting – This has now taken place. Cllr. Hill will let the office know how many tree stakes are required to support the new trees.
4. Tree Works – Cllr. Hill and Wogan are still awaiting an up-to-date list of the trees
5. Gleeson land – Cllrs Wogan and Hill will set a date to go and look at this area
6. Cemetery land – this is ongoing
7. Staffing Issues – A more experienced person was being investigated.
8. Skatepark Project – The project has now moved from the skatepark to the Business Park
9. ESCC grass cutting – East Sussex County Council have refused our request of 2 additional cuts per year. Therefore, there will be 2 cuts per year as previously.

NOTED

#### **246/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The draft budget had been previously circulated. This was discussed and 3 amendments made. Cllr. Josephson proposed that the draft budget be adopted including the amendments. This was seconded by Cllr. Pritchitt and AGREED.

#### **247/21 ALLOTMENTS**

1. The Allotment manager's report was NOTED.
2. Cllr. Summers (allotment rep) asked if chippings could be laid by the gate at Johnsons Field (as last year).

#### **248/21 CEMETERY**

The Burial Clerk's report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

#### **249/21 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

#### **250/21 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL**

Cllr. Hill asked that the matter of the coming on and going off of the Parish Council owned streetlights could be discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr. Summers asked if the general condition of footpaths in the village could be put on the next agenda.

Cllr. Wogan asked that the matter of a project to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee could be discussed at Full Council.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

SIGNED.....(Chairman)      DATE.....