

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 10th SEPTEMBER 2024
IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllrs. Hugo (Chair), Cocks, Eichner, Gilbert, Matthews, Rainbow, Summers & Waters

APOLOGIES: Cllr Scott

NOT PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, deputy clerk, 1 member of the public and Cllr. Taylor-Smith

164/24 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

165/24 APOLOGIES

Cllr Scott (prior commitment)

166/24 RECORDS OF THE MEETING OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 23rd JULY 2024

Cllr Hugo proposed that the minutes of the meeting of the 23rd July be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Waters and signed as a true record.

167/24 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
Cllr Eichner	168/24	Personal	Family business involvement in one item

168/24 CURRENT MATTERS: REVIEW STATUS AND RESOLVE WHERE APPROPRIATE

1. Gilham Bank grant application: – a grant application had been lodged with the Lund Fund and a response was awaited. **NOTED**
2. Streetlight repairs – after discussion, the Clerk was asked to obtain more information on the repairs/replacements needed and bring to a future meeting.
3. Queen’s memorial bench – This had been installed. **NOTED**
4. Park Crescent tree planting– after discussion, Cllr. Eichner proposed that a utilities survey be obtained, and this project go ahead if there were no issues. This was seconded by Cllr. Hugo and **AGREED**.
5. Potholes repairs – Cllr. Eichner proposed that the quote obtained be accepted, subject to no other quotes being received. This was seconded by Cllr. Hugo and **AGREED**.
6. A22 verge parking issues – after discussion, Cllr. Hugo proposed that the planter offered by Cllr. Eichner be accepted, the offer from residents of Lantern House area for planters be accepted, and a ‘no parking’ sign (set in concrete) be installed. This was seconded by Cllr. Gilbert and **AGREED** with 2 abstentions. The decision on fencing around the verges was deferred to a later date.
7. Children’s grave at the cemetery – this had been referred back to the funeral directors. **NOTED**
8. Community Centre refurbishment group – there had been no meeting as yet, but this would take place in October.
9. Crittall window insulation quote – a grant had been applied for. Cllr. Hugo proposed that if the grant was approved, this work (installation of thermal film) should go ahead. If refused, discuss again at a future meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Eichner and **AGREED**.
10. CCTV extensions – quote awaited for Newlands Place, Cllr. Taylor-Smith would discuss with the business group any installation over the public highway **NOTED**
11. Gleeson land –An ecological report was awaited. **NOTED**

12. Play equipment – Cllr. Eichner proposed that the quote for a 3-bay swing with accessible seats be purchased at a cost of £ 18,124.90, and see if any grants were available. This was seconded by Cllr. Hugo and AGREED.
13. Playpark access path – After discussion, it was agreed that a new plan/survey would be obtained (considering the re-siting of the new swings) and quotes obtained for different surfaces. NOTED
14. Cemetery consultation – The Clerk would be arrange a meeting with AiRS to discuss how the information should be presented. NOTED
15. Village Green plan – quotes had been obtained for £500 for a topographical plan and £25 for an ordnance survey plan. Cllr. Gilbert proposed that these both go ahead. This was seconded by Cllr. Hugo and AGREED.
16. Discussions with the Village Club – Cllr. Taylor-Smith reported that there had been a couple of meetings and discussions were ongoing with regard to a ‘What’s On’ board. NOTED

169/24 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

Cllr. Summers asked that the issue of the upkeep of the twittens in the village be investigated.

Cllr. Hugo confirmed that he would finish the repair work to the bus shelter.

Cllr. Eichner asked that a ‘pot’ of money for local artists to apply for be discussed. This would be for the enhancement of village structures.

The deputy clerk reported that graffiti on the Foresters Green bus shelter and the ‘youth bench’ had been removed by the maintenance team.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Cllr. Hugo submitted his resignation as a Councillor to the Chair.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

SIGNED.....(Chairman) DATE.....