

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 21st JANUARY 2025 IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr Cocks (work)

NOT PRESENT: Cllr. Scott

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, deputy clerk, 1 member of the public and District Cllr. Patterson-Vanegas

1/25 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

2/25 APOLOGIES

Cllr Cocks (work)

3/25 RECORDS OF THE MEETING OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 5th NOVEMBER 2024

Cllr Gilbert proposed that the minutes of the meeting of the 5th November be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Waters and AGREED.

4/25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

5/25 CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

1. Gilham Bank grant application – decision still awaited from Lund fund– NOTED
2. Resurfacing at Ashdown Road & Lantern House - completed – NOTED
3. CCTV extensions – awaiting quote. NOTED
4. The children’s grave at the cemetery – awaiting delivery of a plaque. NOTED
5. New combined goal and basket – Cllr. Summers proposed that the quote for £ 10,137.51 (+ VAT) be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Gilbert and AGREED.
6. Cemetery consultation – Meet & Greet arranged and postal survey ready to go. NOTED
7. Hambro Hall repairs – Repairs in hand. NOTED

6/25 PROGRESS REPORTS (with decisions as required)

1. Community Orchard – Cllr. Jaffay reported that the working group had met and obtained advice from a tree specialist. Amanda Sinclair had ordered the trees. Planting was due to take place on 14th February. Guardian families would be assigned to each tree to ensure watering – hopefully to dig the holes also.
2. Gleeson land project – A meeting is to be held with the residents on Saturday 25th January.
3. A22 verge parking – Cllr. Gilbert proposed that 4 ‘no parking’ signs (brown) be purchased at a total cost of £300. This was seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED.
4. Rush Green access path – Cllr. Eichner proposed that the quote for £ 4,595.00 (+VAT) be accepted (also to ensure a wider junction area as discussed with the contractors). This was seconded by Cllr. Waters and AGREED.
5. Trees at Park Crescent - It was suggested that Amanda Sinclair be asked if there were any spare trees from the Community Orchard project to contribute to this scheme. Cllr. Killick proposed that this scheme be accepted (+ 2 ‘no parking’ signs). This was seconded by Cllr. Jaffay and AGREED.
6. Village Green(s) topographical surveys – It was suggested that this matter should wait until Cllr. Scott was in attendance. Cllr. Jaffay proposed that a working group be set up but it was agreed that this was not necessary at the present time. Cllr. Jaffay to discuss with Cllr. Scott.

Cllr. Gilbert proposed that item 6.10 be discussed at this point in the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED.

10. Enhanced litter & street cleaning projects – District Cllr. Patterson-Vanegas spoke on this subject. The Clerk spoke about the litter, pavement clearing, gully cleaning etc. lack of services (not the kerbside waste collection). D. Cllr. Patterson-Vanegas said that there was a meeting on Wednesday 5th February at 3.30 with Wealden DC and it would be good to have as many councillors there as possible.
7. Streetlight repairs – There was discussion on this matter. Cllr. Eichner proposed that the top priority repairs be agreed to (excluding streetlights 100 & 102). This was seconded by Cllr. Gilbert and AGREED.
8. Community Centre refurbishment group – Amanda Sinclair had given a report. Quotes were being obtained. NOTED
9. Crittall window installation – A quote for the heat retaining film had been received in the sum of £ 6,684 = VAT. (A grant for £ 2,907 towards this had been received). Cllr. Gilbert proposed that this be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED with 1 against.

7/25 FINANCIAL ISSUES

Current financial report – This had been previously circulated and was NOTED

8/25 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

None

The meeting closed at 9.18pm.

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