

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 23rd JULY 2024 IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs. Hugo (Chair), Eichner, Gilbert, Jaffay, Rainbow, Scott, Summers & Taylor-Smith

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Cocks & Waters

NOT PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, deputy clerk & 6 members of the public

136/24 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A resident asked if a new plastic watering can could be purchased for the cemetery.

137/24 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Cocks (work) & Waters (work)

138/24 RECORDS OF THE MEETING OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 25th JUNE 2024

Cllr Eichner proposed that the minutes of the meeting of the 25th of June be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Summers and signed as a true record.

139/24 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
Cllr. Hugo	140/24	Personal	Bus shelter builder. Skatepark user
Cllr. Scott	141/24	Personal	Proposer of Festival Corner

140/24 TO REVIEW ACTIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES FROM MEETING OF 25TH JUNE 2024

1. Grant application for tree work on Gilham Bank – a grant application had been lodged with the Lund Fund and a response was awaited.
2. Progress with streetlight repair & renewal work – NOTED
3. Location of the Queen's memorial bench – this was discussed. Cllr. Taylor-Smith proposed that the bench be purchased and placed on Foresters Green behind the bus shelter, facing the green. This was seconded by Cllr. Summers and AGREED.
4. Grit bin at Highfields – Cllr. Rainbow reported back that the majority of residents is not want a grit bin and it would impede turning and parking. Cllr. Hugo proposed that in light of this new information, this would not go ahead. This was seconded by Cllr. Rainbow and AGREED.
5. Tree planting at Park Crescent – The Office would write to the residents affected by this proposal to find out their views. NOTED
6. Repair of potholes on Council land – quotes to be obtained. NOTED
7. Children's grave at the cemetery – this had been referred back to the funeral directors. NOTED
8. A working group for Community Centre refurbishment – Cllr. Taylor-Smith proposed that a working group be formed consisting of Cllrs. Gilbert, Hugo, Rainbow, Scott & Taylor-Smith and Amanda Sinclair. Amanda to promote to Community and Cllr. Taylor-Smith to lead. This was seconded by Cllr. Scott and AGREED.
9. Further work on Crittall windows – quotes to be obtained. NOTED
10. CCTV extensions – quote awaited for Newlands Place and legal position with a public facing camera to be investigated. NOTE. Cllr. Taylor-Smith suggested that the Police be invited to talk about CCTV.
11. Plans for new bus shelter – details and costings awaited. NOTED

12. Gleeson land – Plans had been requested. Cllr. Taylor-Smith proposed that an ecological report be undertaken with a ceiling cost of £ 500. This was seconded by Cllr. Gilbert and AGREED.

Cllr. Summers proposed that item 6 on the agenda be discussed at this point in the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Eichner and AGREED.

141/24 REPORT ON DISCUSSIONS WITH VILLAGE CLUB

Cllr. Scott and representatives from the Village Club gave their report and ideas for a 'Festival Corner' which would provide promotional space for groups in the village. There was a lot of discussion about this, and the Clerk explained that there were rules that a village green could not be encroached upon. It was acknowledged that this was a good idea but that further discussion was needed.

Cllr. Taylor-Smith proposed that a working group be formed to look into the idea and the space. This would comprise of Cllrs. Scott and Taylor-Smith along with James Macdonald, Wendy Eldridge and Amanda Macmanus from the Village Club. This was seconded by Cllr. Hugo and AGREED.

13. Additional play equipment – A supplier for the accessible roundabout would be undertaking a site survey on 7th August. The decision on an additional basketball hoop had been deferred. There was discussion whether it should be a goal/basketball hoop or only a basketball hoop. It was agreed that the youth workers would be asked to get opinions from the current users and bring back to the next meeting along with the budget figures.
14. Cemetery consultation – the content for an independent survey were yet to be compiled and agreed.
15. Overall plan for the Green – It was agreed that ordnance survey maps would be obtained for the Parish (including the Green) and quotes obtained for a professional survey of Foresters Green.
16. Street cleaning & litter project – awaiting results of ongoing discussions with Wealden District Council
17. Proposals from the village model event – Cllr. Eichner (Chair) had asked for individual Councillor's ideas for short/mid- and long-term priorities. Once responses were received, the results would be brought to Full Council.

142/24 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

Cllr. Rainbow asked that the issue of a path to the playpark could be included in a future agenda.

Cllr. Rainbow was asked to supply the office with exact locations of the recent graffiti so removal could be arranged.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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