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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ESTATES COMMITTEE held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at the Day Centre, Commercial Road, at 7.45pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr D Boyle in the chair  
 Cllrs R Atkins, M Flashman, R. Moon, D, Sargison, E. Thomas. R. Turk

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs N Reay, Town Clerk  
 Mr K Butler, Estates Manager  
 3 members of the public

**APOLOGY:** Cllr B. Hills

**ES76           DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
 There were no declarations of interest.

**ES77           MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
 The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were APPROVED.

**ES78           MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

a) ES71 – Green Lane Spinney, UK Power Networks had advised that they needed to move the high voltage cable, and this would require some trees being removed. The clerk would meet with them on site and see if the trees which the council required to be removed were the same ones. Cllr Moon asked to attend the meeting as well.

b) ES73 – The new fencing at St Andrews has been installed

c) Comparative quotes for the rocking horse have been requested.

d) Wicksteeds had attempted to repair the wet pour – however it is currently too wet to carry out the work.

**ES79           PADDOCK WOOD CRICKET**  
 The Chairman suspended standing orders to allow a representative from PW Cricket to speak.  
 He advised the following:

- that it was still the club's intention to restore hard ball cricket at the Memorial Field.
- Didn't accept offer of continuing to play soft ball cricket as the council had previously agreed to it – so didn't see the need for another resolution on the matter
- Offered to install an interim pitch for hard cricket
- Asked for a resolution to re-instate hard ball cricket

The chairman advised that no further information had been brought forward and asked if there was any change to the previously supplied information.

He was advised that the information requested was not available and before further work was carried out, they wanted a resolution to state that the council supported them.

The chairman advised that the committee would continue to support soft ball cricket.

Cllr Moon asked: Did they support the building of the community centre alongside the cricket wicket?

If the requested information is supplied, then the council can plan for cricket at the Memorial Field in tandem with the community centre.

The cricketers wished to play at that site, accepting that if the square has to move then so be it. But would like an interim agreement to play hard ball cricket.

The cricket group had not understood that there were restrictions due to the other users of the field.

Asked for previous requested details to be submitted to the committee a week in advance of the next meeting.

Club needs agreement & support from the council to apply for funding. Council should support their efforts.

Council will try to support as much as possible and will continue to support charity matches.

Standing orders were re-instated.

Cllr Atkins asked to see the quote of £30k for the costs of installation. The clerk advised that it was not a fixed quote – but a ballpark figure which had been supplied by a local sports pitch company.

ES80

### **CEMETERY**

- a) Members discussed the layout of the baby plots in the new area. It was agreed that as a first stage a path should be laid from the main cemetery drive through to the back of the hedged area. An arch would be installed at the entrance and a bench place at the end of the path. Space for two plinths should be allowed in the corners to allow for some statuary at a future date. A planting scheme would also be drawn up to be implemented over a period or time.
- b) The contractor has advised that he will continue to review the hedge around the Old Church Yard and will carry out the hedge laying when there is enough growth.

ES81

### **FENCING AT COBBS CLOSE OPEN SPACE**

The Town Council had been approached regarding a damaged fence on the open space. The fence between the open space and property in Tutsham Way fell during winter storms. The letting agent and tenant are of the opinion that the fence belongs to the Town Council and it should be responsible for repairing/ replacing it.

The Council's solicitor has checked the deeds to the site and advised that there is nothing to indicate that the council is responsible for the fencing. But neither is there anything to suggest that the householder is either.

It was pointed out that householders were normally responsible for the left-hand boundary and the one at the bottom or the garden.

Cllr Boyle proposed, Cllr Thomas seconded:  
*That the town council does not take responsibility for the fencing.*

CARRIED unanimously

ES82

**LITTER PICK**

It was agreed that the litter pick would take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

ES83

**MEMORIAL BENCH**

Members agreed that a bench would be installed at the Memorial Field in memory of David Henshaw.

ES84

**ESTATES MANAGER'S UPDATE**

The Estates Manager advised that the team had carried out the following work

- 2 weeks repainting the Day Centre
- Hedge cutting
- Tree cutting at Foal Hurst Wood
- Digging out the ditch at St Andrews Field and replacing the manhole cover.

This was in addition to the routine work.

ES85

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

CHAIRMAN