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**NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE ESTATES COMMITTEE HELD ON Monday 9TH December
2024 in the Day Centre Commercial Road at 7.45 pm.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Cllrs R Atkins, D. Kent, A. Mackie, R. Moon, B. Robichaud, D. Sargison
J. Thompson

APOLOGIES: Cllr D. Kent, D Sargison

ES70 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

ES71 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2024

**ES72 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES NOT COVERED
ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA.**

- a) All the options for the new waste bins and dog waste bins have been included in the 205/26 budget. The Final Budget will be considered at the Full Council meeting due to be held on Monday 16th December 2024.
- b) Tractor purchase – the new tractor & equipment has been ordered and a delivery is expected to be after Christmas
- c) Closed Church Yard – the order has been placed for the repairs to the stones and work is expected to commence at the beginning of January 2025.
- d) Elm Tree Cess Pit – Estates staff are continuing to monitor the cess pit and to date there have been no problems with it.
- e) Therapy Garden – A request has been sent to the NALC Allotment Advisor for advice on this matter.

ES73 PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

The annual playground inspections have been completed and a copy is attached for members information.

ES74 ELM TREE PITCHES

When cutting the grass recently on the main pitch at the Elm Tree the contractor's tractor became stuck and has damaged the pitch, making it unplayable. The contractor has accepted liability and is in discussion with the Estates Manager to carry out remedial work once the ground has dried out sufficiently. They are also covering the additional cost of PWFC senior team having to play at an alternative venue.

ES75 HANGING BASKETS

Attached is a copy of the specifications for the hanging baskets. Members are asked if they have any ideas for planting schemes before the specification is sent out for quotes. These will be reported to the February meeting.

ES76 WILDFLOWER MEADOW

A sum of £5,000 was allocated in the 2024/25 budget for re-planting the wildflower meadow at the end of Green Lane for 2025. Members are asked to approve the

expenditure so that planting can take place in March (subject to weather conditions). The previous wildflower meadow planting cost £3,700. Rather than planting annuals this time it is proposed to plant perennial seeds.

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GREEN LANE PONDS

Clearance work needs to be undertaken on the ponds over the winter months. The Council has previously authorised the use of S106 money for this work. (see attached minutes) A new contractor will be to be sought to carry out this work.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on 10th February 2025.

NICHOLA REAY
Clerk to the Council

3RD December 2024