

**MINUTES OF A GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 23rd MARCH 2017 AT 7.30PM AT
FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Present: General Purposes Committee: Cllrs: Dockerill, Henderson, Kent, Pask & Pryke.

In attendance: Mr S L Dartford (Clerk).

1 Election of Chairman.

A nomination was received for Cllr. Pryke to assume the position of Chairman. Cllr. Pryke accepted the nomination, no other nominations were received.

Proposed: Cllr. Kent. **Seconded:** Cllr. Henderson. **Vote:** Carried.

Cllr. Pryke was, therefore, elected Chairman.

2 Apologies for absence.

All Members were present.

3 Declarations of Interest.

None were received.

4 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28th July 2016.

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed : Cllr. Pryke. **Seconded :** Cllr. Kent. **Vote :** Carried.

5 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

6 To consider the level of remuneration in respect of the litter picking contract.

Following discussion it was resolved to increase the payment by 3% as budgeted and recommended by the Finance & Constitution Committee.

Proposed: Cllr. Kent. **Seconded:** Cllr. Henderson. **Vote:** Carried.

7 To consider the provision of play equipment at the Pitfield Open Space.

Following discussion the meeting resolved to provide and install play equipment as part of the action plan.

Proposed: Cllr. Kent. **Seconded:** Cllr. Henderson. **Vote:** Carried.

The meeting agreed to meet again after The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council to consider the options available and contact play equipment manufacturers to give a starting point for the type of equipment available within the finances available.

The meeting discussed possible methods of funding for the project and resolved to recommend to the full Parish Council that if necessary funding is provided through the CIL payments. Alternative methods of funding will also be investigated. The recommendation to utilise CIL funding will be put to the full Parish Council at the April meeting for approval.

Proposed: Cllr. Henderson. **Seconded:** Cllr. Kent. **Vote:** Carried.

Cllr. Pask agreed to work with the Clerk in obtaining outside funding for the project.

8 To consider a maintenance schedule for the Community Land at the rear of properties 27 to 31 Hampton Close.

Following discussion it was resolved to have the area maintained twice a year and include the action in Mr Haywood's schedule.

Proposed: Cllr. Kent. **Seconded:** Cllr. Pryke. **Vote:** 4 in favour.
1abstention.

9 To consider the replacement of the fencing around the Hampton Close Open Space.

Cllr. Kent advised that it was no longer possible to obtain hedging from the District Council as the Nursery is being closed. Trees were still available at no cost but it was felt that planting trees was not desirable. The meeting was advised that the cost of installing chain link fencing would be £600 plus labour. The meeting discussed the options and agreed to inspect the existing posts and obtain a cost for replacing the wooden slats between the posts. The matter will be further considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

10 To agree action to clean the pond.

Following discussion it was agreed to clean the pond on Sunday 21st May. The Clerk will contact Mr Behagg and request the use of a trailer. The Clerk will also include the action in Spectrum and place notices around the pond in anticipation of Parishioners assisting in the operation. The Clerk will contact the A14 team and request additional assistance.

11 Parish matters to note.

- 1). A Member had observed that vehicles are continuing to park in an inconsiderate manner in Talls Lane. The Member suggested that consideration is given to implementing parking restrictions in the form of double yellow lines. The Clerk will include the matter of parking in the next edition of Spectrum. Cllr. Henderson agreed to e-mail Sgt. Street when he observes incidents of inconsiderate parking.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:47pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

_____ (Date)