

BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks and Gardens Committee held in the Council Chamber at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 8 November 2023

Present Cllrs: D Spear, M Shapland, R Shapland, L Childs, V Cann, M Cann, G Bell (part).

Also in Attendance Tracey Lovell (Parish Clerk), Angela Corner (Senior Council Officer)

PG/19/2023/24 **Apologies** Cllr G Bell prior engagement.

PG/20/2023/24 **Declarations of Interest** None

PG/21/2023/24 **Minutes** The committee noted that the Minutes of the Parks and Gardens Committee meeting held on 20 September 2023 had previously been approved and ratified by full Council. The Minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

PG/22/2022/23 **Section 106 Funding** a) The committee reviewed the draft questionnaire and considered the best method of consultation regarding the new play equipment at the Recreational Ground. It was suggested asking the school to mention it in their assembly and to ask them to email the link out in their parent emails. (3:2abs)

Cllr G Bell joined the meeting.

RESOLVED: To recommend to full Council to proceed with the amended questionnaire as part of the consultation.

b) RESOLVED: To recommend to full Council to approve the contractor's quote to remove the raised bed at a cost of £1885 and replace with a native cherry tree at a cost of £150. (NC)

(NC)

PG/23/2023/24 **Hedgerow Management and clearance of Vegetation**

- a) RESOLVED: To recommend to full Council to propose to clear the scrub around property and parking spaces at Station Close at a cost of £1854.72 (NC)
- b) The Clerk advised that the Lock's Close hedge at the side of the recreational ground could be cut in-house.
- c) A quote for the removal of vegetation at Stoney Bridge Depot had not been received at the time of the meeting.

RESOLVED: To recommend to full Council to propose for the Clerk to arrange for Dave Hartnoll to remove as per previous year. (NC)

PG/24/2023/24 **Tree Management Works**

- a) Ash Die back tree management programme.

RESOLVED:

- i) To recommend to full Council to propose for the removal of Ash Trees T7, T11, T44 and T45 plus T5 and T6 at a cost of £2300 plus VAT.
- ii) To discuss replacement trees with the Parish Gardener.

(NC)

- b) Wild Cherry near the Village Green.

RESOLVED: To recommend to full Council to propose to:

- i) Remove tree as per the arboriculturist's recommendation.
- ii) Obtain advice on condition of soil and consider replacement with 1 or 3 cherry trees

(NC)

PG/25/2023/24 **Allotment/Community Garden**

The Committee considered the offer of a piece of land to be used as a community garden.

RESOLVED: To recommend to full Council to propose to

- i) contact the landowner to arrange a lease.
- ii) allow Live Well in Braunton to take on responsibility of the garden and apply for funding such as the National Gardens Scheme Community Garden Fund.

(NC)

The meeting closed at 2.40 pm

..... The Chairman