



**FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes General Purposes**  
**held at the Church Centre, Fenstanton on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**  
**2022 at 19.00**

**Present:** Cllr P Hayes, Cllr P Kent, Cllr R McGee, Cllr K Mitchell and Cllr G Pryke (Chair)

**In attendance:** The Clerk – J Perez and Cllr M Hewitt observing.

**Minutes**

**GP21/22- 33    To receive any apologies of absence and any declarations of interest**

**Comments and observations from members of the public** (NB comments should be relevant to items on this agenda only)

**GP21/22- 34    To approve the minutes of the General Purposes Meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Cllr R McGee proposed** that the minutes of the General Purposes meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were a true record of the meeting, **Cllr K Mitchell 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Cllrs were in favour, RESOLVED that the minutes are approved.**

**GP21/22- 35    Play Parks – quote for removal of wood and infill at the Metal Park and quotes for Wet pour repairs at Chequers Street**

The Clerk has received one other quotation for £200.00 for the removal of wood, infill and seed to the Metal Park, **Cllr G Pryke proposed** that this quotation is accepted, **Cllr R McGee 2<sup>nd</sup>, all Cllrs were in favour. RESOLVED to approved quotation for £200.00.**

The Clerk has received one other quotation for £2,946.00 inc VAT for the repairs to the wet pour at Chequer Street play park, another two quotations are due shortly but did not arrive in time for the meeting. **Cllr R McGee proposed** that in order to get the repairs carried out as soon as possible, this quotation is accepted, unless another quotation received in the next few days is for less, in which case the cheaper quotation should be accepted. **Cllr P Kent 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Cllrs were in favour. RESOLVED to approve the cheapest quotation for repairs.**

**GP21/22- 36 Parking – Chequer Street**

There is a problem with parking on Chequer Street when there are home football matches and cars use the verge to park on, this means that the view when pulling out onto Chequer Street is obscured and dangerous. Cllr R McGee advised that he has not yet spoken to the Football Club regarding this issue, he will monitor the situation.

**RESOLVED to defer to the next GP meeting.**

**GP21/22- 37 LHI Chequer Street – update following virtual meeting and approval of possible additional costs of £3,000**

Cllr P Kent, Cllr R McGee and the Clerk met with representatives from CCC to discuss the LHI for Chequer Street. CCC advised they were waiting for confirmation from the PC that the extra costs would be covered by the PC. The Clerk advised CCC that this was confirmed in April 2021. CCC confirmed that an arborologist has looked at the Trees confirmed that two trees are not in a good condition, one Tree is infected and the remaining will sustain root damage, therefore they will be removed and replaced with two new Trees and the PC will plant further trees elsewhere. Plans should be with the PC by the middle of April. **Cllr R McGee proposed** that a recommendation to approve a contingency of a further £3,000 should be taken to the next full PC meeting, **Cllr P Kent 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Cllrs were in favour. RESOLVED to take a recommendation of a £3,000 contingency to the next PC meeting.**

**GP21/22- 38 20s plenty for us campaign – update**

The feasibility report has now been received. CCC will need to collect their own data to support the application. As regulations are likely to change in June the PC will progress this further in July. **RESOLVED to move forward in July.**

**GP21/22- 39 LHI Cambridge Road – update**

There have not been any updates. The Clerk will contact County Cllr D Dew to ask for him to contact CCC to see check on the progress.

**GP21/22- 40 Discuss the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – and request for donation to cream tea**

**Cllr P Kent proposed** that a donation of £100.00 be made towards the cream tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Cllr R McGee 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Cllrs were in favour. **RESOLVED to make a donation of £100.00 using legislation LGA 1972 S137**

**GP21/22- 41 Pond – update on work, quotation for new fencing, floating duck house, weed spraying and fitting of lecterns etc**

The Clerk has approached other suppliers for quotations to replace the damaged fencing, unfortunately the Clerk has been able to find a supplier that supplies the same fencing. Therefore, **Cllr R McGee proposed** that 2 x new fencing panels are ordered from The Fen Group

at a cost of £410.00 + VAT each, **Cllr P Kent 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Cllrs were in favour. RESOLVED to order 2 x replacement fence panels – total £820.00 + VAT.**

Cllrs discuss whether to purchase a floating duck house, it was agreed to consider this at a later date once the Pond is complete and matured. Weed spraying will be carried out when required.

Cllr G Pryke will arrange for the Lecterns and Whipping Post to be erected at the Pond and clock Tower.

**GP21/22- 42 Grass cutting – report**

Cllr R McGee advised that Grass cutting has begun and the contractor has made a good job. The PC have received a request from CCC not to Mow in May, the PC did not feel this was appropriate for the Village, however it will consider a wildflower meadow near the underpass. The PC have been approached by residents on Swan Road regarding the overgrown verge that are the responsibility of the property owners at the Tudor and Bell Lane. Previously CCC carried out work to clear the area as the property owners have not responded to requests by the PC to clear. The Clerk will speak with County Cllr D Dew to ask that enforcement approach the property owners to ensure they keep the verge clear of vegetation.

**GP21/22- 43 MUGA – New Booking System**

The new booking system has gone live today. Notices have been put up and the website has the new system operating. The cost for the new booking system is lower than the PC were paying previously. Cllrs queried whether the Primary School is using the MUGA. The Clerk will make enquiries and see if the School would like the PC to have the padlock cut off on their side of the MUGA.

**GP21/22- 44 Clock Tower**

**Cllr R McGee proposed** that Ian Wilson jet wash the paving around the Clock Tower for no more that £200.00, to include replacing the sand, **Cllr P Kent 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Cllrs were in favour. RESOLVED to ask Ian Wilson to clean the paving area surrounding the Clock Tower.**

**GP21/22- 45 Ride on Mower – discuss and decide on whether to keep or sell**

The ride on mower is no longer required as the maintenance company provide their own. **Cllr P Kent proposed** that the PC sell the mower, **Cllr R McGee 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Cllrs were in favour. RESOLVED to sell the mower.**

**GP21/22- 46 Fenstanton North – decide whether to install bench at Greenfields on the private land and Elizabeth court**

As HDC has now advised that the PC cannot install equipment there will be no further action at this time. **RESOLVED to take no further action.**

**GP21/22- 47 Further discussion and decision regarding the repairs to the Church  
Pathway due to the additional charge of £2350.00 + VAT**

Cllr R McGee met with a Church representative to discuss the additional work they require for the Church path repairs. The PC have already approved to pay 50% of the costs of the original quotation which has increased by £2 per sqm. **Cllr R McGee proposed** that the PC approve to pay 50% of the additional costs if the Church minutes confirm their approval of covering 50% of the total costs, **Cllr P Kent 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Cllr were in favour.**

Payment will be made using legislation LGA 1972 S137. **RESOLVED to pay 50% of the total repair cost.**

Meeting closed 19.52

Chairman Signature (Geoff Pryke).....

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