

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL

Community Project Committee

For the health, safety and well-being of our community as a result of Covid-19 and following the instruction of the Prime Minister's address on 23rd March 2020 all Parish Council meetings will be held remotely until further notice. Whittlesey Town Council has resolved to use Zoom to facilitate the holding of meetings.

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Community Projects Committee held on Wednesday 4 November 2020 at 6.00 pm

Present: Cllr Mrs Mayor (Chairman, Whitwell, Gerstner, Mrs Windle, Mason, Dorling

The Minutes were taken by Cllr Mason as the Clerk was recovering from surgery.

CP36/2020. To receive apologies for absence from members.

Cllr Munns.

CP37/2020 Declaration of Members' Pecuniary interests, on items to be discussed later in the agenda and the Council to decide which items are to be discussed as confidential under agenda item number CP37/2020

There were no items for discussion

CP38/2020. - Public Forum. - To allow members of the public to address the Council. Time Allowed 15 mins total.

There were no members of the public present.

CP39/2020. - Agenda Items for Discussion

Allotment Update

- **Security**

Cllr Mrs Mayor had received a complaint from an allotment holder concerning animals, possibly deer, trampling on produce. Also youths loitering at allotments and allegedly taking part in antisocial behaviour.

The Town Clerk had previously sent a letter to an allotment holder whose son was believed to be involved in antisocial behaviour and a letter of eviction was now being considered.

Cllr Gerstner suggested an e-mail be sent to Sgt Lugg and that individual allotment holders could purchase small cameras at a modest cost to monitor their own premises.

Cllr Davies proposed that hawthorn bushes could be planted along the nature reserve boundary whilst Cllr Whitwell remarked that this was indeed an intention.

No specific action was agreed.

- **Hedge Cutting**

Cllr Mrs Mayor stated that this was long overdue for cutting by the contractor whilst Cllr Whitwell had contacted the contractors, (CGM operations West) two weeks previously. Cllr Mrs Mayor to follow up with a telephone call or if necessary an e-mail. Cllr Whitwell emphasised that the contractors were obliged to do the work under or a Rectification Notice needed to be served.

- **Community Allotment (no 19)**

Cllr Mrs Mayor reported that this allotment was suffering from Mares Tail and that Froglife appeared to have lost interest in the pond project. As a grant had been given by Glassmoor Environmental Fund for the project as a whole Cllr Mrs Mayor stated that all plants should be left in situ and the allotment be passed back into council hands whilst its future was determined. This was generally agreed with Cllr Whitwell commenting that because of the poor state of the allotment any future tenant should be given a year's grace on rent.

- **Manor Leisure Project to replace Picnic Benches**

Cllr Gerstner had contacted a manufacturer of synthetic, recycled materials with a view to providing replacement benches and that he had been very impressed with the quality.

Cllr Gerstner proposed the purchase of 11 benches of which 2 would be suitable for disabled persons at a total cost of £6,000 which could be provided in any colour.

Cllr Whitwell thanked Cllr Gerstner for his work but asked why 11 benches were necessary. Cllr Gerstner answered that he was working within the agreed budget.

It was agreed that Phil Hughes would be approached at FDC for provision of groundworks and that two further quotations would be sought for the benches.

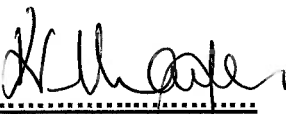
Cllr Mrs Mayor would contact Phil Hughes to enquire about future CCTV at the Manor Leisure Centre.

CP40/2020 - Date of next meeting - Wednesday 2nd December 2020

CP41/2020 - To discuss items previously agreed at agenda item CP37/2020

There were no items for discussion.

The meeting closed at 6.42 pm


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Cllr Mrs Kay Mayor
Chairman
Community Projects.

