WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL — Community Projects Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 6.00pm

Present: Cllr Mrs Mayor, Mrs Windle, Mockett, Nawaz, Gerstner, Whitwell, Davies (6.12)

Officer in attendance: The Clerk was absent, and the minutes were taken by Cllr Mrs Julie Windle.

CP25/2022. To receive apologies for absence from members.

There were no apologies

CP2620/2022. To confirm and sign minutes from the last meeting of the Community Projects Committee held on Wednesday 6th April 2022.

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th April 2022 were approved and signed as a true record.

CP27/2022. To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda item.

There were no declarations.

<u>CP28/2022. Public Forum. - To allow members of the public to address the Council. Time Allowed 15 mins total.</u>

There were no members of the public present.

CP29/2022. Agenda items for discussion.

1. Allotments

- **a.** Waiting list, Allocations Cllr Mrs Mayor advised members there are 28 on waiting list, three allocated on 4th May 2022.
- **b.** Allotment Inspections Cllr Mrs Mayor next inspection is 5/5/22 with Cllr Munns, and suggested the following inspection be w/c 6/6/22.
- c. Invoicing Cllr Mrs Mayor advised 23 still to pay, the Clerk still chasing to ascertain if those who have not paid wish to continue with their allotments.
- d. Water Meter & Taps Cllr Mrs Mayor advised water switched on in April, one tap not working correct, and plumber will repair / replace.
- e. Hedging at Allotments (Community Payback team) Cllr Mrs Mayor advised Town Clerk has contacted payback team in order to tidy hedges and any shrubs growing in the hedge and will arrange a site meeting. Cllr Mockett wishes to do the site meeting. The payback team to be given the FDC red sacks for the waste. Mr J Dale was given the green light to repair the damaged hedge following the RTA, members were advised that our insurance covers gates and fences but not hedging so we must pay for this repair at a cost of £695.00.
- f. Cllr Mrs Mayor reported that the WAGS Chairman had advised that someone has used the old entrance gate, this has been checked and the Clerk advised all old keys were handed in as new keys were only given to existing allotment holders when they handed their old key in. Cllr Mrs Mayor advised members that she is the secretary of the WAGs group, which is working ok via 'Whats app', allotment holders are reluctant to hold physical meetings and contact appears to be working better using Whats App..
- 2. Flagpole at Peel House Cllr Mrs Mayor advised flagpole and three flags have been ordered by the Clerk and will be installed as soon as practicable.
- 3. Hanging Baskets Cllr Mrs Mayor advised that Delfland have asked if their contact could be renewed even though it has not expired this is due to them no longer being able to do the existing

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baskets at the same price as better plants are required this year, this is already under the budget, but has incurred extra expense this year as he has put the chains on, his additional expenditure for the baskets would be £400.00, however members discussed the renewal / extension of the contract for 1 year and the Clerk to check if contracts are extended for a year are three tenders still required. Cllr Mrs Mayor advised Red, White & Blue plants to have been requested for this year.

- 4. Music Events 2022 working party update Cllr Whitwell reported the SAG paperwork for the June 19th event had been submitted and queries answered, he has a Zoom meeting this week to discuss any other queries. Also the July and August SAG paperwork has been submitted and he is awaiting FDC response. 90% complete for the Manor Jubilee Event and this will be finished on 5/5/22 following meeting with Cllr Mrs Mayor and the Clerk. Stewards were virtually in place for all 4 events but needs help before and after the event for set up and take down as Richard Exton is not available for the two events in June. Extra litter bins are required for the Manor, the Clerk to email FDC. Cllr Mrs Mayor advised that Adam Ice Creams has been booked for all four music events.
- 5. Platinum Jubilee Event– Cllr Mrs Mayor advised bunting and flags have arrived at the office. St Johns Ambulance are not available, Deborah Slators 'Focus on First Aid' have been approached and are yet to confirm, the cost to cover will be £198.68.
- 6. Platinum Wood Cllr Gerstner advised he has in excess of 80 trees, he has a site meeting with PECT at the proposed site at Yarwells Headlands and they will advise on the best type of tree to be planted in the area. He then reported that the schools will be planting time capsules along with the trees. Cllr Mockett expressed concern that this area is confirmed as not to be used for development in the future. Cllr Whitwell suggested that once the Neighbourhood Plan is passed this land could be added to the open spaces list within the plan. Cllr Gerstner was thanked by The Chair for all his hard work on this project.

CP30/2022 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 1st June 2022

Meeting Closed: 18.58

Cllr Mrs Kay Mayor Chairman

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