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Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee held on the 2nd July 2019 at the Parish Council Office – 59 High Street, Great Barford.

Present: Di Ames (Chair), Ann Lovesey MBE, Stuart Southall, Derrick Folbigg, James Rudgley

Apologies: Duncan Edgar

Clerk: Joanne Lee

MINUTES

- 1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.**
Apologies received for Duncan Edgar.
- 2. Declarations of interest in any matter – being prejudicial or personal.**
None.
- 3. Discuss and agree plan of action and representatives to attend the discussion with the Village Hall Association regarding the village hall barrier.**
The Committee discussed and agreed that alternate meeting dates would be necessary and that James Hetherington as Chair or Vice Chair of the Village Hall Association would need to be present.
Di Ames and Stuart Southall agreed that they could attend the meeting after July 14th in the evenings.
Action Clerk to contact James Hetherington from the Village Hall Association to rearrange a meeting date and to request that he or the Vice is present at the meeting.
- 4. Discuss and agree purchasing a replacement bin for the Village hall car park.**
The Committee discussed and agreed that a new Plaza bin is required (James Rudgley did not agree with the decision).
Action Clerk to put onto the Full Parish Council meeting to authorise the purchase of a new Plaza bin with costings.
Action Clerk to arrange for a notice to be placed in the next edition of the Bugle to ask residents to double wrap any dog poo before placing it in bins and to ensure this is not left in the village.
- 5. Discuss and agree purchasing a new bench for the Pound area.**
The Committee discussed and agreed that a new bench was not required and the old bench should be refurbished.
Action Clerk to contact Russell Harley (handyman) to sand down and refurbish the Pound bench. This would be a winter job.
- 6. Discuss and agree a scheme for new rescue equipment to help get people out of trouble in Bedfordshire Waterways.**
The Committee discussed and agreed that Great Barford had sufficient safety equipment and therefore the purchase of extra rescue equipment was not necessary.

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7. Discuss and agree a plan of action for the fencing at the entrance to Woodpecker.

The Committee discussed and agreed that trees would be planted in the area from the tree planting scheme. Also it was discussed and agreed that fencing would be put up. It was discussed and agreed that Great Barford Parish Council would pay for the cost of the fencing.

Action Clerk to obtain quotes for fencing and put on the Full Parish meeting to be discussed and authorised.

8. Discuss and agree a plan of action to resolve grasscutting issues.

The Committee discussed and agreed that there were issues regarding the quality of the grasscutting at present in the village and adhoc areas.

Action Derek Folbigg to talk to our grass cutting contractor to resolve the current issues.

Action Clerk to invite Russell Harley to meeting with Derek Folbigg.

9. Discuss free tulip giveaway scheme offered by Bedford Borough Council.

The Committee discussed and agreed that they would like to accept the tulip offer for 1000 tulips.

Action Clerk to put the advert onto the Parish Council website.

Action Clerk to request 1000 tulips from Bedford Borough Council's tulip scheme.

Signed: _____

C. J. Long

Date: _____

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