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Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee held on the 06th November 2019 at the Parish Council Office – 59 High Street, Great Barford.

Present: Di Ames (Chair), Ann Lovesey MBE, Derrick Folbigg, Graham Pendrey

Apologies: Duncan Edgar, James Rudgley, Stuart Southall

Clerk: Anne Papé

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- 1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.
- 1.1 Councillors Rudgley and Wood. Duncan Edgar had left the meeting.
- 2. Declarations of interest in any matter being prejudicial or personal.
- 2.1 None
- 3. Review Grass Cutting Contract for next year.
- 3.1 Quotations were awaited.

Action – Quotations for grasscutting would be included on next Full Council agenda.

- 4. Discuss and consider the suggestion of a library cabinet for the use of Great Barford Residents.
- 4.1 It was agreed to gauge support for projects, such as a library cabinet, at the Neighbourhood Plan event in December. It was agreed that potential CIL projects should also be considered. A Parish Council stand would therefore, be needed at the event.

Action – Parish Council stand to be included on the next Full Council agenda.

- 5. Discuss and agree the working party suggestions on where new tree saplings could be planted around the village.
- 5.1 The working party was still to meet.

Action – tree saplings to be included on the next Full Council agenda

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- 6. Discuss and agree plan of action to resolve graffiti scratched on the doors of the storage unit behind the village hall.
- 6.1 The handyman would be asked to strip off paint from the doors and repaint them. If the handyman was not available a quote would be requested from Tony Allen.
- 7. Review Annual tree survey report.
- 7.1 The handyman would be asked to carry out the severing of ivy and removal of posts. Quotes would be sought from tree surgeons for the remaining works.

Action – Clerk to request quotations.

- 8. Discuss and agree quotations by delegated power from October 2019 Full Parish Council meeting for cutting back the conifers both ends of Jubilee play area, removing the inner hedge along Birchfield Road and trimming the outer hedge (approximately 100m long), trimming the bushes in Fishers Close and the allotment hedge. Discuss the plan of action for the continuing rabbit holes on the village hall playing field.
- 8.1 The Committee reviewed the supplied quotations and allocated the work as follows:
 - Play area conifers Russell Harley
 - Allotments & Playing Field Angus Lammie.
- 8.2 The Committee would recommend to Full Council that the hedge cutting should continue on an annual basis
- 8.3 It was agreed to seek advice on condition of the field and how to correct damage. The handyman would be asked to repair rabbit runs with turf as soon as possible.

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