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### **Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee held on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.**

As permitted by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 No.392 the meeting was conducted online.

**Present:** Di Ames (Chair) Ann Lovesey MBE, Derrick Folbigg, Duncan Edgar, James Rudgley, Graham Pendrey, Paul Cook,

**Apologies:** Stuart Southall

**Clerk:** Joanne Lee

### MINUTES

**1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

1.1 Apologies were received and accepted for Stuart Southall

**2. Declarations of interest in any matter – being prejudicial or personal.**

2.1 None received.

**3. Review the annual play area inspection report and agree a recommended plan of action.**

3.1 At the November 2020 Parks and Open Spaces Committee the Committee members reviewed the inspection report. The Handyman had inspected 2 of the rockers to look at tightening the ground fixings. This was in response to a 'low risk' comment in the report. The fixings could not be tightened further; the equipment would need to be reinstalled or replaced.

The Parks and Open Spaces Committee recommended that having inspected the 2 rockers in Jubilee Play area that this should be added to the Project List to be repaired/replaced.

#### **Action**

Clerk to put the Committee recommendations onto the Project List to be reviewed at the next Full Parish Council meeting.

3.2 The Committee also discussed the bench in Jubilee Play area and agreed to recommend that this should be put on the Project List to be reviewed at the next Full Parish Council meeting.

3.2 In addition, Councillors were asked to inspect the path to MUGA, the MUGA hardstanding and the adjacent bench

The Committee recommended that the path to MUGA, the MUGA hardstanding and the adjacent bench should be put on the Project List.

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### **Action**

Clerk to put the Committee recommendations onto the Project List to be reviewed at the next Full Parish Council meeting.

#### **4. Discuss a resident's request for extra Christmas street lights and agree a recommended action.**

4.1 The Committee reviewed and recommended that extra Christmas lights would be beneficial and this should put on the Project List to be actioned before Christmas 2021

### **Action**

Clerk to put the Committee recommendations onto the Project List to be reviewed at the next Full Parish Council meeting.

#### **5. Review findings from the Working Group on the zip wire and agree a final plan of action under delegated powers.**

5.1 The Zip Wire working group had reviewed and produced a site assessment report which explained their findings and recommendations.

### **Resolved**

Under delegated powers the Parks and Open Spaces Committee agreed with the working party recommendations.

Proposed – Di Ames Seconded – Tim Wood

Abstained – Councillor Rudgley and Councillor Edgar

All other Committee members agreed with the Working party recommendations. Carried by majority vote.

Kompan would be advised of the decision and work would commence to re-site the zip wire and the concerned residents would be advised of the Parish Councils decision.

#### **6. Discuss and agree recommendations for a Parish Community Recognition Award for Winter 2020 or Spring 2021. (8:12pm)**

6.1 The Committee discussed and recommended the Parish Community Recognition Award and this should be placed on the Project List.

### **Action**

Clerk to put the Committee recommendations onto the Project List to be reviewed at the next Full Parish Council meeting.

#### **7. Discuss and agree recommended action for resident's concerns regarding dog mess in the village.**

7.1 The Committee discussed the resident's concerns regarding dog mess around the village, in particular Silver Street.

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The Clerk advised that an advert has been placed, in response to these complaints on the back page of the Winter Bugle to encourage sensible dog ownership and to prevent dog fouling.

The Parks and Opens Spaces Committee recommended:

- that the paths should be cleaned by the Borough Council along Silver Street and The Gamlings.
- Dog fouling advert to be sent to Councillor Ames to post on Facebook Community/Great Barford Parish Council pages.
- Clerk to advise the resident to contact Bedford Borough Council with pictures and details of any culprits they are aware of.

**Action**

Clerk to put the Committee recommendations to the next full Parish Council meeting.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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