

Clerk to the Council/RFO: J Hodgkiss
Chairman: Cllr R Ruscoe

Minutes of the **Services Committee** held at 6.00pm on **Monday 13th January 2025** in the Lythwood Room, Bayston Hill Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs T Clarke (TC) (Chairman), D Engler (DE), A Parkhurst (AP), R Ruscoe (RR),

In attendance: Julie Hodgkiss,(JH) Clerk; Peter Orrell,(PO) Deputy Clerk

- S12.24/25 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies were received from Cllr Whittall – holiday. Note – K Fairclough has resigned from the Parish Council since the agenda was published.
- S13.24/25 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
None
- S14.24/25 **PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL**
None
- S15.24/25 **MINUTES**
RESOLVED: RR proposed to approve for accuracy and sign the minutes of the Services Committee held on Monday 30th September 2024, seconded by TC and agreed by all members present.
- S16.24/25 **AMENITIES REPORT**

Asset	Action/Comment
Longmeadow Playground	Privacy Screen installed alongside Zip wire following complaints. Leylandii hedge cutting quotes sought to three areas of LM Rotting decking on main slide to be replaced by handy people
Playing Fields	Pitch improvements carried out, comprising verti draining and sand to improve drainage and fertilizer. New French drain installed to counteract flooding of gardens Additional pitches now marked out, P1 and P2, adult pitches; P3 and P4, junior mini pitches; P5 and P6, 9v9 pitches; and P7 and P8, mini pitches.
Pavilion	New lighting installed to replace old fluorescents
Outdoor Gym	No change
Tennis Court	No change.
3G Astro Turf	No change
BMX Track	Some wear to the slopes starting to appear and tarmac areas deteriorating
MUGA	No change
Bowling Green	Floodlights now converted to LED floodlights
Skate Park	No change
Sensory Garden	3 x Cherry trees pruned end of June/July, 19 x apple/pear due to be pruned Dec 24/Jan 25
Parrs Pool and Woodland	Final work by the HP team to replace rotting timber work nearing completion
Youth and Community Building	No change
Parish Office	No change
Litter bins (Managed by Parish)	No change
Footpaths	No change
Bus Shelters and Benches	No change
Street lighting (under control of Parish)	The Common: Victorian style streetlight being replaced

	Gorse Lane: additional light request No change
Roads owned by PC	Road surfaces to be inspected. Parish Walkabout to be arranged prior to the next meeting.

Questions raised by members

Tennis Court – Moss treatment – if the materials recently purchased does not work sufficiently, quote to be obtained from contractor.

Astro grooming – is this being done frequently? Deputy Clerk to action this asap.

RESOLVED: AP proposed that a priority list/schedule of works be provided to staff, seconded by TC and agreed by all members present.

S17.24/25 **BEECHES BUS SHELTER**

RESOLVED: AP proposed to approve the replacement panel at a cost of £450 plus VAT, seconded by TC and agreed by all members present.

S18.24/25 **STREETLIGHT UPDATE**

The Deputy Clerk gave an update on the streetlight upgrades. Clerk to agenda an item for a future Full Council to consider next phase of improvements.

S19.24/25 **STREETLIGHT REQUEST**

Clerk to canvas neighbours of Gorse Lane to ascertain opinions on adding an additional light.

S20.24/25 **COMMON TREE WORKS**

RESOLVED: AP proposed to commission the tree works needed for the Common, seconded by DE and agreed by all members present.