

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

Minutes of the **Services Committee** held at 6.15pm on **Monday 30th September 2024** in the Lythwood Room, Bayston Hill Memorial Hall.

Present: R Ruscoe (RR), C Shaw (CS), P Stevens (PS)

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

S1.24/25 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**
RESOLVED: PS nominated Cllr Clarke to be Chairman of the committee for 2024/25, seconded by RR and agreed by all members present.

S2.24/25 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**
RESOLVED: PS nominated Cllr Whittall to be Vice - Chairman of the committee for 2024/25, seconded by RR and agreed by all members present.

In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, PS nominated RR to chair this evenings meeting, seconded by CS.

S3.24/25 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies were received from Cllr Clarke – ill health, Cllr Whittall – holiday, Cllr Fairclough – work commitments.

S4.24/25 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
None

S5.24/25 **PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS**
None

S6.24/25 **MINUTES**
RESOLVED: CS proposed to approve for accuracy and sign the minutes of the Services Committee held on Monday 24th June 2024, seconded by PS and agreed by all members present.

S7.24/25 **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

S8.24/25 **HIRE CHARGES**

Item deferred to Full Council for consideration.

S9.24/25 **STREETLIGHT REQUEST**

Clerk to obtain a quote and more information from our street light contractor, item to be considered when that information is available.

S10.24/25 **BIKE SHELTER PLACEMENT**

RESOLVED: CS proposed that the bike shelter that is on The Parade be moved at an appropriate time to the Pavilion to prevent further vandalism and to be made better use of, seconded by PS and agreed by all members present.

S11.24/25 **TREE WORKS**

RESOLVED: CS proposed that our contractor undertake the tree works listed in the quote with the exclusion of the maize at Long Meadow, totalling £540.00, seconded by PS and agreed by all members present.