

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

Minutes of the **Services Committee** held at 7.15pm on **Monday 24th June 2024** in the Lythwood Room, Bayston Hill Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs T Clarke (TC) - Chairman, K Fairclough (KF), R Ruscoe (RR), C Shaw (CS), P Stevens (PS)

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

The Clerk apologised that due to an admin error, election of Chairman was missed off this first meeting agenda of the Services Committee in this municipal year. Cllr Clarke agreed to remain in the Chair and the election would take place at the next Services Committee.

S20.24/25 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Whittall

S21.24/25 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

S22.24/25 PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL

None

S23.24/25 MINUTES

All members agreed to approve the minutes of the last quorate Services Committee which took place on January 29th 2024 and not the minutes of the Services Committee held on Monday 27th March 2023 as listed on the agenda.

S24.24/25 AMENITIES REPORT

The Deputy Clerk presented his report. Highlights included;
Longmeadow – Zip wire now installed and in use
Pitches – improvements due to start mid-July. Team is currently refurbishing goal posts and re-seeding.
Pavilion – quotes being sourced to replace damaged guttering.
Outdoor gym – minor repairs underway
Tennis Court – new net purchased and in use.
BMX track – has been strimmed.
Bowling Green – floodlight replacement order placed.
Sensory Gardens – Pruning schedule started.
Parrs Pool – boardwalk replacement of rotten sections nearing completion.
YCB – fence at rear reinstated.

S25.24/25 PARISH WALKABOUT FEEDBACK

A useful walkabout was held on 17th June and the following notes were made

1. The "pop-up" BMX track in the woods adjacent to Lyth Wood Hall. MU asked if we could get in touch with the insurance co. to find out our liability for this on our land. Are there mitigating actions we could put in place to limit liability?
2. The new trees planted down near Parrs Pool need the grass taking out from around them.
3. Sensory Garden paths. Regarding comments made by wheelchair users, could we get a cost for re-instating the paths and thereby improving the surfaces to an all-abilities path?
4. Longmeadow handbasin, provision of soap and hand towels
5. Zip wire is there a hazard of falling off the platform? Clare Shaw had commented previously.
6. Rather than taking the Long Meadow a container away could we envelope in screening so that it becomes part of the hedge or make a feature of screening?
7. A49 Wildflower area. MU would like to put September in the diary to accompany us with a strimmer to get the flowers/grass cut down and removed elsewhere on site. Looking at a larger area adjacent to the current strip for a future wild flower meadow.
8. The Common. Could this be the site of the next Eco Fair should the Glebe become unavailable?

The Clerk and Deputy Clerk will look at all of these matters and report back to the appropriate committee.

S26.24/25 TO PRESENT ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA
None

Meeting closed at 7.50pm