

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEE, HELD ON FRIDAY 27TH JUNE IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE STARTING AT 5.00PM

F45/25 To Record those Present and list any Apologies

Those Present. Cllrs K Gipson – Chairman, S Instance S Parish and N Fursdon; also present was the RFO

There were no apologies received.

F46/25 To Declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI's) or a voluntary interest relating to items on the agenda.

None were reported

F47/25 Minutes

Draft Minutes of the committee meeting held in May.

Having been previously circulated were agreed and signed.

F48/25 Finance

a) To note, agree/ratify the payments as listed.

Flotek	Inv. 250400299390 Phone & Internet	£172.04	DD
L Hedley	Fuel for machinery	£62.27	Bacs
	Reimbursement Materials for wall	£113.41	Bacs Not agreed
	Reimbursement Black sacks	£23.20	Bacs
	Reimbursement Laptop	£229.99	Bacs
Direct 365	Excess waste	£17.66	Bacs
Branching Out	Invoice 1213 Tree work Meadow Grove	£312.00	Bacs 20/06/2025 44717000
N Power	Inv. Electric new office	£47.81	Bacs

With the exception of wall reimbursement, all the above was agreed.

b) To consider using CIL to cover costs of the Neighbourhood Plan if no further grant is available.

Central Government have announced that they will not be releasing further grants for NHP's. This affects Sellindge as it was hoped that a grant would be available to complete the work already started.

After a lengthy debate, the following was agreed:

- Given the costs that have been identified by JB to progress and given the other current requests from the Community as well as the ongoing maintenance demands within the Parish - it was decided to "pause" the NHP- whilst other

sources of funding are investigated. If further funds become available wither from CIL contributions or grant funding the project will be restarted.

Cllr N Fursdon arrived

F49/25 The Lees

- a) To consider whether to start looking at providing extra toddle swings
- b) If item a above is agreed to consider costs and position
- c) To consider whether to start looking at providing an extra bench inside the play area
- d) If item above is agreed to consider costs and position

A general debate took place on all of the above agenda items and the following was agreed:

- There is not a lot in the play area and more toddler swings would be useful, also Cllrs had witnessed the need for more seats in the play area and felt 2 would more should be put in the play area. The RFO stated that there would be room for 2 more benches, given that 2 trees in the play area have died.
- The Beacon has already been agreed at a previous meeting.
- The Village sign is getting its makeover and there will be extra costs for the post and the erection.
- There is nothing for teenagers and adults and it was felt that equipment for exercise (green gym) should be considered.
- The last item mentioned was that the Gate in the new Burial ground has not been replaced and this should take place soon, there is risk of people camping on the land.
- The RFO mentioned that she had received information from Littlethorpe who may be able to obtain some funding to replace the bus Shelter outside the Church.

It was unanimously agreed, that the above should be investigated in more detail to obtain costs for further discussion.

F50/25 Old Methodist Church

- a) To note that it is being sold by auction on 10th July
This was noted.
- b) To consider whether or not any actions should be taken and if so what.
A suggestion if this a project that the Parish Council could consider was made. After a brief a debate it was decided no action was required.

F51/25 to The Lees Trees

To reconsider going forward with the work as in the previous survey

- A previous survey of the trees on the Lees stated that some trees should be removed for safety, due to their very poor condition.
- Cllrs and some public felt that the large sycamore did not need felling. The RFO stated that due to the rot at the base of the trunk this should be felled. A debate too place where it was agreed to request a new tree survey.

- The RFO reported she had emailed First Port to inform them of the condition of the tree the fenced are behind the flats.

F52/25 Verbal update on various items

a) Churchyard

Yew tree in church yard – no updates.

Not happy with the Wall, to stop work, and get a price to get a fence put up.

b) To complete budget list for website.

See the appendix at the end of the Minutes

F53/25 To note the date of 25th July for the next F&GP meeting & Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 18.56