



Present: Cllrs. Phil Quinlan (chair), Ken Kercher, Jez Hood
Also in attendance: Julie Russell (Parish Clerk)

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25.49 MEMORIAL BENCHES a. Policy for donated benches The Committee approved the policy to be put forward to Full Council for adoption, subject to some tweaks in wording to be provided by Cllr Quinlan. b. Bench designs The Clerk had researched recycled plastic benches available on the market that would be suitable for memorial benches and circulated a short list with prices to the Committee. Councillors agreed to offer a portfolio of three bench options, which will be recommended to Full Council. These are Marmax Traditional Seat, Marmax Witton Seat and TDP Werksworth Seat. The Maintenance Committee will finalise costs to be charged to cover installation, maintenance and removal at a future meeting.	Cllr Quinlan
25.50 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION a. Q2 Inspection report The Clerk had received and circulated the Q2 playground inspection report. There were some minor points including rust, paint flaking, wood splits and algae, but nothing major or urgent. As it was only received from the inspector the day before the meeting, the Clerk has not yet had a chance to look at the areas raised, but will do so and report back at the next meeting if anything needs action. b. Roundabout repair The Council had previously put on temporary hold the work to replace the roundabout bearings as it was considered not urgent; the level of play in the circular motion is still acceptable. This was in order to wait in case anything more pressing arose. The Clerk asked the Committee to revisit this decision as we are now half way through the year, and it was agreed to continue to wait until later in the financial year.	Clerk
25.51 PONDS For the Village Pond, it has still not been possible to meet the pond maintenance rep. to consider whether there is any action the Council can take to reduce flooding on the road. For Five Ash Pond, HCC has now allocated work, but it is subject to other priorities.	
21.52 CEMETERY a. The Clerk circulated a quote for repair / replacement of the fencing around the cemetery extension field. She was advised by the supplier that there was no economic sense in partially replacing ad hoc posts or panels, and it should be DIY fixed as best possible until a whole side is replaced at a time (or other options such as removing it or hedging are considered). Any work should be deferred for the time-being, and at the time when it is needed should be incorporated into a longer term plan for how the cemetery extension will be landscaped and enclosed when it is brought into use. The Clerk will get clarification on who owns the two sides of fencing that border the neighbouring property. b. The Clerk advised the Committee that there was an issue with charges levied by the Lengthsman for clearance of the footpath behind the cemetery. The Council had been invoiced for removal of material, when in fact the Lengthsman was instructed to leave it in the usual place where hedge cuttings are stored. The Committee agreed that the Clerk should continue to dispute this bill.	Clerk
25.53 LITTER BIN CONTRACT The Clerk had previously informed the Committee that Idverde had increased its fees for litter bin emptying by a rate above inflation for the second consecutive year and she had been given permission to dispute the invoice charged for Q1. After considerable delay in responding, Idverde has said it now empties 8 bins and not 7 so fees should be higher. It was agreed that the Clerk would look into this claim.	Clerk

25.54 PARISH OFFICE The Committee needed to consider for budgeting purpose whether it would take out a service contract on the stair lift next May at the end of the one-year guarantee period. The options are i) no contract (paying £125 for a service, £225 for an ad hoc call out plus parts), ii) £495 for an inclusive extended annual warranty or iii) £1595 for a 4-year warranty. The Committee agreed to pay for an annual service at £125 but not an extended warranty.	
25.55 CORRESPONDENCE AND ANY NEW MAINTENANCE MATTERS ARISING a. The Clerk forwarded information on a Tree and Hedge Planting grant scheme to Councillors. It was agreed that the timescales of it will not fit in with out tree removal work this year, but the Clerk will check again for the opportunity next year. The Clerk reminded the Committee that there was still around £500 of S106 project money available for new tree planning. b. The Clerk shared issues in the Knapp which have been resolved for now. c. The Committee agreed that there is no allowed option for residents to dig their own plot for burial of ashes. The Clerk will ensure that this is clear in the cemetery regulations when they are reviewed in the near future.	
25.56 NEXT MEETING The next meeting is confirmed as 26 th November.	

There were no further matters to discuss and the meeting was closed at 7.50pm.

Signed Chairman

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