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**Minutes of the Community Services Committee held on Tuesday 9 March 2021 at
19:30 via Zoom online**

Present: **Councillors**
S Jefferies (Chair)
M Barron
P Holland
J Lortie
D Mattocks
A Craven
P Purvis
D Sowry-House

In Attendance: Nicola Gray (Town Clerk)
Catherine Horsley (Deputy Clerk) (minute taker)

Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

CS 21/52 To Receive and Accept apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

There were no apologies for absence received.

CS 21/53 To Record any declarations of interest Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

There were no declarations of interest.

CS 21/54 To Approve minutes of meeting held on 9 February 2021 LGA 1972, sch 12, para 41 **A**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2021 were APPROVED, subject to a minor amendment to minute no. CS 21/48 – should read 'and on social media'.

CS 21/55 Accounts for Payment **B**

Cllr Jefferies asked why was only 50% of the repairs for the gutters and downpipes payable to Town & Country. The Clerk confirmed the total invoice had been split 50/50 with the Village Hall.

Cllr Craven asked what the B&Q purchase of timber was used for and suggested purchasing timber locally. The Deputy Clerk confirmed the timber was used for the shed bases being installed at the allotment site. The Clerk confirmed it was not a Town Council expense as the sheds and associated costs had been paid for in

advance by the allotment holders, but the payment had gone through the Town Council accounts.

Cllr P Holland asked what the aggregate costs for MB Wilkes related to. The Clerk confirmed this spend was also related to the installation of the sheds on the allotment site.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts for payment.

CS 21/56 Update on the Parish Tour and Amenities

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The report was received and discussed at length with the following resolutions agreed:

It was **RESOLVED** not to proceed with replacement log bollards at Springdale Open Space at this time and to revisit should there be an issue and to tidy up the driveway area to remove the rotten log bollards.

It was **RESOLVED** to communicate and support the Allotment Association to seek small grant funding to part fund replacement shed within the permissions for the site, due to the Town Council's financial position and to explore other opportunities for grant funding from alternative sources.

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase the padlock chain and appropriate signage which was within the approval limit of the Clerk and Chairman.

It was **RESOLVED** to communicate with residents of the neighbouring properties to advise maintaining the adjacent footpaths and communal areas to access their properties was their responsibility.

It was **RESOLVED** to update the signage with additional wording relating to Town Councils responsibilities and liabilities and correct Town Council crest and contact details. The Deputy Clerk to look at the most cost-effective way to update the signage.

CS 21/57 To Note the Dog Warden Report for February 2021

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The report was NOTED.

CS 21/58 Matters for Forthcoming Agendas No decisions can be taken¹

Footpath Survey – The Clerk confirmed this item would be added to a future Full Council agenda with the office producing the maps for Council members to carry out survey during the summer months.

CS 21/59 To Agree a date and time for the next meeting – the date and time of the next meeting will be Tuesday 8 June 2021 at a venue to be confirmed.

Signed as a correct record of the meeting..... Date

¹ Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business which are not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA1972 sech 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119)