



**Minutes of the Community Services Committee held on Tuesday 14 March 2023 at 19:30  
in the Main Hall of the Village Hall, Towers Ways, Corfe Mullen**

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

**In Attendance:**       Catherine Horsley (Town Clerk)  
Rachel Virrill (Deputy Town Clerk – Minute taker)

**Public Participation**

There were two members of the public present, one of whom wished to speak.

Cllr Craven welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited the member of the public to speak.

The member of the public wished to speak pertaining to agenda item CS 22/50 - Update on Amenities relating to Henbury View play area.

The resident who lived adjacent to Henbury View play area shared photographs of the play area and raised the following points:

- Council had been dishonest about the shrubbery being cut back as she felt it had been completely removed.
- Spoken with the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) who were a private body offering advice and recommendations, which was not a legal requirement.
- The resident conveyed her dismay of residents not being consulted prior to the installation of the new fence, which had significantly disrupted her privacy.
- Council had a duty to consider everyone in the community and communicate with affected residents.
- The resident asked how much planting would be replaced.

Cllr Craven thanked the member of the public for her representation and provided reassurance that Council would endeavour to answer the points raised under the agenda item.

**CS 22/46       To Receive and Accept apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85 (1))**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Neil who was recovering following an operation.

**CS 22/47       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)

The update was **NOTED**.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** for all Council play area gates to be yellow and upgraded to self-closing gates as and when the budget allowed.

It was **RESOLVED** to revisit arrangements for the 2023 Parish tour at the first Community Services Committee meeting in the 2023/24 municipal year scheduled on 13 June 2023.

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the purchase of a replacement telegraph pole to repair the bench at the Recreation Ground at a total cost of £18.50+VAT.

**CS 22/51 Paper D - To Note Update on Allotments**

The Deputy Clerk presented the report, noting the health and safety requirement for covers on the water troughs was still outstanding due to the contractor being unable to procure covers to fit the existing water troughs.

It was **RESOLVED** to investigate further options for the water trough covers on the allotment site.

The update was **NOTED**.

**CS 22/52 Paper E - To Note Update on the Cemeteries**


The update was **NOTED**.

**CS 22/53 Matters for forthcoming agendas** No decisions can be taken<sup>1</sup>

- To consider options for shrubbery planting at Henbury View play area at the next meeting scheduled on 11 April 2023.

**CS 22/54 To Agree a date and time for the next meeting** – Meeting to be held on Tuesday 11 April 2023 at 19:00 in the main hall of the Village Hall, Towers, Way, Corfe Mullen.

**CS 22/55 Close of Meeting at 20:03.**

Signed as a correct record of the meeting.......... Date 11.4.23.....

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