



MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Kingsmead Parish Council Parks and Environment Committee held on Monday 12th February

Present: Cllr Hoey (Chair), Cllr Logan, Cllr Reed, Cllr Swift, Cllr Weltman
Also present: Mrs W Maddock (Clerk & RFO)

The meeting started at 7.30pm.

236	Apologies Cllr Jewitt (work), Cllr Van Gordon (work)
237	Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were made.
238	Public Forum No members of the public were present.
239	Minutes To approve and sign the minutes of a meeting held on Monday 8 th January 2024. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting were a correct record and should be signed by the Chair.
240	Maintenance & Landscaping
240.1	To receive the following updates from Countrywide Grounds Maintenance and to approve any actions as needed. a) Monthly report for January b) Works schedule for February Noted – the monthly report and works schedule received from Countrywide. There were no actions to follow up on.
240.2	To consider and approve a working party to review the Grounds Maintenance contract for future tenders. Resolved – that Cllr Hoey and Cllr Swift will form the working group. Cllr Boylan would be asked to be an additional member of the group at the next Full Council meeting.
240.3	To consider and approve advice and quotes from Caddis for the following works: a) Woodland Management at Burwardsley Way Resolved – to approve a quote from Caddis for £980 (plus VAT) to carry out works at Burwardsley Way. b) Reinstatement of fence at Ellingham Way. Noted – that this work is no longer required as the fence will be reinstated FOC by Caddis. c) Preparation of the spine road wildflower area. Resolved – that Caddis should be asked to carry out the wildflower preparation at the end of March.
240.4	Spine Road Hedge Maintenance (Prestbury to Cenotaph) a) To receive an update regarding planned works. Noted – that Caddis plan to carry out the hedge maintenance work between Fri 16 th to Tues 20 th February. b) To approve communications with residents prior to work starting. Resolved – to approve a letter (Letter 1 v2) prepared by the Clerk to be delivered to those residents who received the original consultation letter.
240.5	To consider and approve a quote for the installation of new signs at Duke's Way pond. Resolved – to defer a decision about the new signs to the next Full Council meeting.

240.6	<p>To receive an update from The Woodland Trust regarding the donation of trees to be planted opposite SJD college. Noted – that the donated trees from The Woodland Trust will be delivered between 26th February and 8th March. It was further discussed that Kingsmead school should be asked (by Cllr Reed) if they would like to plant some of the donated trees in their grounds. Once the trees have been received, the committee will ask for community volunteers to help with the planting programme. Trees may now also be planted in the grassed area next to the Fisherman’s Wharf car park.</p>							
240.7	<p>To receive an update regarding access between Monarch Drive and Duke’s Way (via a stretch of exposed pipe) and to consider any further actions as appropriate. Noted – that the pyracantha bushes have been properly staked and access is more difficult; it was agreed that this should be allowed to develop before any further consideration is given to erecting hazard signs. It was also noted that feedback received from ChALC suggests putting signs in place would not lead to a greater liability on the parish council’s part.</p>							
240.8	<p>To consider any other updates and to approve actions as appropriate. Noted – that the litter picking dates need to be amended as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25th February to be cancelled • 31st March (Easter Sunday) to be changed to 24th March <p>Information will be updated on the parish noticeboard, website and Facebook.</p>							
241	<p>Play Areas To consider and approve a consultation with residents regarding potential plans to improve facilities at Kensington Way play area. Resolved – to approve a communication to be sent to residents living in the houses that surround Kensington park.</p>							
242	<p>Structures To receive an update on the fixed asset review and to agree next actions. Noted – that updated valuations have been completed for the clock tower and retaining walls. A unit price has been calculated for the Cheshire Railings but measurements need to be confirmed. Councillors will be asked to volunteer to measure specific areas at the next Full Council meeting. The project is on target to be completed by YE.</p>							
243	<p>Clerk Update To receive updates from the Clerk on any other matters arising from previous meetings. <u>Cadent Gas</u> - Followed up on request for evidence that the retaining wall was properly re-instated as no further details provided yet. Waiting on further feedback. <u>Replacement of post at Lavister Close</u> - Works completed by Countrywide w/c 29th Jan. <u>Cheshire Wildlife Trust</u> - Works completed at Ellingham Way. Discussed issue of people walking through bluebell areas. CWT do not have any plans to take action as their experience shows it does little to deter people and often encourages walking through other areas, which leads to the problem being widened. Further investigations to be done about the ownership of the path previously thought to have been maintained by the developers. <u>Ellingham Way</u> - Caddis asked to reinstate the fence during their next site visit. <u>Bridge Surveys</u> - Surveys completed w/c 15th Jan. Reports not yet received. <u>Pointing Works</u> – BEL requested to confirm start date.</p>							
244	<p>AOB Items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. No agenda items were noted for the next meeting.</p>							
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