

## MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Kingsmead Parish Council Parks and Environment  
Committee held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March

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

The meeting started at 7.35pm

272	<b>Apologies</b> Cllr Jewitt (work), Cllr Van Gordon (work)
273	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> No declarations of interest were made.
274	<b>Public Forum</b> No members of the public were present.
275	<b>Kensington Way Consultation</b> <b>To consider</b> the feedback received from the Kensington Way Play Area Consultation and <b>to approve</b> next actions as appropriate. It was noted that nine responses were received from the twenty-two consultation letters delivered. <b>Resolved</b> – that the responses received support ongoing investigation.
276	<b>Minutes</b> <b>To approve and sign</b> the minutes of a meeting held on Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024. <b>Resolved</b> – that the minutes of the meeting were a correct record and should be signed by the Chair.
277	<b>Maintenance &amp; Landscaping</b>
277.1	<b>To receive</b> the following updates from Countrywide Grounds Maintenance and <b>to approve</b> any actions. a) Monthly report for February b) Works schedule for March <b>Noted</b> – that due to personal reasons, the usual monthly reports had not been received. It was discussed about work carried out in February/March and it was agreed that the first grass cut could be carried out in the next 2-weeks dependent on weather conditions.
277.2	<b>To receive</b> feedback from a meeting with CW&C to discuss the maintenance of the crown hedge and <b>to approve</b> any actions as appropriate. Cllr Reed outlined the discussion held with the Communities & Engagement Programme Manager for Northwich, Winsford & Rural Communities. In summary, CW&C will no longer commit to an ornamental cut of the hedge and KPC was asked if it wanted to take over management of the roundabout's grounds maintenance. This was agreed in principle and further details are now to be provided for review before a final decision can be made.
277.3	<b>To consider and approve</b> quotes for the following works: a) Additional woodland management at Burwardsley Way (Caddis) <b>Resolved</b> – to approve the quote from Caddis at a cost of £600 plus VAT.  b) Planting of replacement hedging between Blenheim Close and Coronet pond (CW) <b>Resolved</b> - to approve the quote from Countrywide at a cost of £120 plus VAT.  c) Planting of pyracantha bushes at Earl's Way (CW) <b>Resolved</b> - to approve the quote from Countrywide at a cost of £120 plus VAT.
277.4	<b>To consider and approve</b> actions to tidy up the orchard area in St George's Way field: a) Community volunteer day b) Advice about possible tree works required.

	<p><b>Resolved</b> – that a date will be confirmed by Cllr Hoey for a Community Volunteer day and that Caddis should be asked to advise about tree work in the orchard to be carried out in Autumn. It was further agreed that Countrywide should be asked to reinstate the orchard path once the volunteer day has been completed.</p>							
277.5	<p><b>To receive</b> information from CW&amp;C regarding Community Orchard funding.  <b>Noted</b> - the information received; it was agreed that further clarity should be sought from CW&amp;C about whether this funding can be used to support the PC's orchard in Saint George's field.</p>							
277.6	<p><b>To consider and approve</b> actions to minimise dog fouling issues.  <b>Resolved</b> – to re-introduce a “pink-poo” campaign to help minimise dog fouling issues; it was approved that the clerk could spend up to £100 to purchase the pink spray.</p>							
277.7	<p><b>To note</b> an update from Cheshire Wildlife Trust (CWT) regarding the maintenance of paths in Poors Wood.  <b>Noted</b> – that CWT is still considering the maintenance of the path from Buckingham Drive to the river. It was also confirmed that it is responsible for the northern side of the stream below Hilltop Grange and that the developer (Stewart Milne) is responsible for the woodland staircase and the slope it sits on.</p>							
277.8	<p><b>To consider</b> any other updates and <b>to approve</b> actions as appropriate.  There were no further updates to note.</p>							
278	<p><b>Play Areas</b>  <b>To note</b> the annual play inspection reports and <b>to consider and approve</b> any recommendations.  <b>Noted</b> – that the annual play inspections were completed at the end of November 2023; the reports will be annotated to reflect works completed since the inspections were carried out.  <b>Resolved</b> – that quotes should be obtained for the following works – replacement of the swing timbers at Campbell Close / topping up safety surfaces at Campbell Close and Duke's Way 1 / repair of benches at Duke's Way 1 and installation of a suitable sign at Kensington Way park (goal end).</p>							
279	<p><b>Structures</b>  <b>To receive</b> an update on the fixed asset review and <b>to agree</b> next actions.  <b>Noted</b> – that a new evaluation has been completed for the clock tower and retaining walls on Kingsmead (spine road). It was further agreed that an estimate of the length of Cheshire Railings owned by KPC would be made and this would be later confirmed by actual measurement.</p>							
280	<p><b>Clerk Update</b>  <b>To receive</b> updates from the Clerk on any other matters arising from previous meetings.  There were no additional updates from the clerk.</p>							
281	<p><b>AOB</b>  Items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.  There were no items requested for the next meeting.</p>							
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