

Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of Kingsmead Parish Council Parks and Environment Committee
held on Monday 13th May at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Jewitt (Chair), Cllr Logan, Cllr Reed, Cllr Van Gordon, Cllr Weltman
Also Present: Mrs W Maddock (Clerk & RFO) and the Countrywide Operations Manager

317	Apologies Cllr Hoey (work), Cllr Swift (family)
318	Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were made.
319	Public Forum No members of the public were present.
320	Minutes To approve and sign the minutes of a meeting held on Monday 11th March 2024. Resolved – that the minutes were a correct record of the meeting and should be signed by the Chair.
321	Maintenance & Landscaping
321.1	To receive an update from Countrywide Grounds Maintenance and to approve any actions as appropriate. The Countrywide Operations Manager outlined the issues they had faced with grass cutting during March and April, due to heavy rain, but assured council members that with the weekly cuts achieved during the beginning of the month and the scheduled cut w/c 20 th May, the situation should be resolved. It was also confirmed that any outstanding problems (e.g. ruts, etc) would be put right by Countrywide at their expense. A concern was raised about poor H&S practices (as seen on FB) and it was confirmed that this had been dealt with internally by CW; the company policies and procedures for training and operational standards were outlined. The following actions were confirmed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingslawn bin to be emptied and a larger bin to be installed. • Daffodil areas to be cut during next scheduled grass cut (w/c 20th May) • Works such as edging to be carried out during the coming year • Bedding plants to be put in at the clock tower in the next 2-weeks • Latest play inspection reports to be forwarded to the clerk.
321.2	To consider and approve quotes for the following works: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Removal of an alder and dead wooding of 2x oaks adjacent to Duke's Way pond. Work to be carried out by Caddis at a cost of £980 (plus VAT). b) Work to re-tether the duck houses on Duke's Way and Moor Park Way ponds. Work to be carried out by Caddis at a cost of £460 (plus VAT). Resolved – to approve both of the quotes provided by Caddis.
321.3	To consider if work should be carried out at the following locations and to approve budgets as appropriate. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cutting back of trees adjacent to 7 Lavister Close b) Removal of ivy adjacent to 9 Styal Close c) Reducing the height of trees at the rear of 44 Lime Avenue d) Replacement or repair of the railings opposite 23-27 Kingslawn Close Resolved as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Trees at 7 Lavister Close to be cut back by Caddis at a cost of no more than £980. b) Ivy is to be removed FoC by Countrywide. Further approval was given for glyphosate to be reduced in areas where ivy is a particular concern. c) No works to be carried out at St George's field. d) A decision regarding the railings was deferred pending confirmation of the railings belonging to KPC.
321.4	To receive any update received from CW&C regarding the crown hedge roundabout and to approve actions as appropriate. No update has been received from CW&C and this continues to be chased.

321.5	<p>Resolved – to recommend to Full Council that a quote be accepted from Northwich Town Council for maintenance of the roundabout, if acceptable terms are agreed with CW&C.</p> <p>To receive updates regarding previous actions noted and to confirm outstanding actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Community volunteer day to tidy up the orchard in St George’s field. b) Pink-poo campaign to minimise dog fouling issues. <p>The following updates were received and actions noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The community volunteer day is still to be scheduled for St. Georges field. It was requested that the PC looks into whether the orchard can be retrospectively registered as an historic orchard. b) It was confirmed that the “pink-poo” campaign has achieved good results by being instigated informally and will continue as such for the time being. <p>To consider any other updates and to approve actions as appropriate.</p>									
321.6	<p>Resolved – that the next litter picking date will be postponed by 1-week and will now take place on Sunday 2nd June (NOT Sunday 26th May, which is the Bank Holiday weekend). It was further agreed that the bags collected will be left next to a tagged CW&C bin and reported to CW&C for pick-up by a councillor on the litter pick, using the CW&C on-line portal.</p>									
322	<p>Play Areas To receive an update regarding the drainage issue at Kensington Way field and to consider a proposal for installation of a play surface. Resolved – that further consideration be given to the proposal following a presentation from Groundwork & Leisure Services scheduled to be given at the next Full Council meeting on Monday 20th May.</p>									
323	<p>AOB Items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. No items were requested for the next agenda.</p>									
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