

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Kingsmead Parish Council
Parks and Environment Committee held on Monday 13th January

Present: Cllr Logan, Cllr Reed, Cllr Swift (Chair), Cllr Weltman

199	Apologies Cllr Hoey (medical), Cllr Jewitt (work)
200	Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were made.
201	Public Forum No members of the public were present.
202	Maintenance & Landscaping
202.1	<p>To receive any reports and updates from Countrywide Grounds Maintenance Noted – that the following works were carried out in December:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shrubs – have been started on Dukes Way and this work will continue now that the weather is improving. • Bin Collection - carried out as normal other than over the Christmas period when it was done on each of the Fridays • Path Sweeping/Blowing - Carried out around the Pagoda, Clock Tower and Cenotaph. • Clock Tower/Cenotaph - Both areas have been moss brushed and treated, and the grass edged off. <p>Countrywide has also offered to clean signs around the estate at no charge to the parish council.</p> <p>It was further noted by the committee that the bins had all been emptied on schedule during the recent spell of bad weather, which was to be commended.</p>
202.2	<p>To consider and approve quotes for the following works:</p> <p>a) Repairing potholes in Buckingham Drive car park. Resolved – to approve a quote from Countrywide for £480 plus VAT to repair the potholes in Buckingham Drive.</p> <p>b) To remove a tree (or trees) from Pulford Close park. Resolved – to approve a quote from Cheshire Tree & Garden Care to remove two trees from Pulford Close park, at a cost of £1000.</p> <p>c) Installation of a planter at the cenotaph. Resolved – to defer a decision regarding the planter pending additional quotes.</p> <p>d) Installation of new gates at Kensington Way park. Resolved – to approve a quote from Tatton Fencing to install new gates (with Jackson posts) at Kensington Way park at a cost of £965 plus VAT. It was noted that member's budget has been received to cover this expenditure.</p>
202.3	<p>To receive an update about a request to look at what might be done to minimise balls bursting on the hedge at Kensington Way field. Noted – that this has been reviewed by Northwich Town Council, along with the KPC Clerk, and unfortunately, no reasonably priced solution could be found for this problem.</p>
202.4	<p>To receive an update about the crown hedge roundabout Resolved – that it is recommended to Full Council that it signs the section 115e licence received from CWaC, which enables KPC to undertake maintenance of the crown hedge roundabout. Once this is confirmed, the maintenance contract can be released by CWaC.</p>
202.5	To receive an update regarding the orchard project.

202.6	<p>Noted – that Cllr Hoey is no longer able to take part in the planned orchard events in January; alternative participants (including volunteers) and dates are being organised where possible.</p> <p>To consider any other updates and to approve actions as appropriate. There were no further updates to note.</p>							
203	<p>KPC Policy Review</p> <p>To review (and update as appropriate) the following Kingsmead policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Climate Emergency Declaration and Action Plan b) Play Area Inspection & Maintenance Policy <p>Resolved – following a review of both policies, it was resolved that they should be updated, to reflect current practices, and then signed by the Chair of KPC at the next available meeting.</p>							
204	<p>AOB</p> <p>Items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle routes need re-lining. Councillors to identify locations, which will be followed up with CWaC. 							
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