

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Kingsmead Parish Council
Parks and Environment Committee held on Monday 8th December

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

The meeting started at 7.35pm.

178	Apologies Cllr Weltman (holiday).
179	Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were made.
180	Public Forum There were no members of public present.
181	Grounds Maintenance Contract To receive an update about the tender process. Noted – that there have been several expressions of interest in the tender and a number of enquiries have been received. The closing date for submissions is 5pm on Monday 22 nd December; no tenders will be reviewed until after this date.
182	Maintenance & Landscaping
182.1	Countrywide update: a) To receive reports and to approve any actions as appropriate. Noted – the report received from Countrywide detailing the ongoing winter work being undertaken – this includes shrub maintenance, bin emptying, park inspections, etc. It was also noted that the shrub beds are scheduled to be planted this week. b) To consider and approve the use of “school-friendly” weedkiller in the play areas. Resolved – to defer this item to the next meeting as no additional information had been received from CW.
182.2	To consider and approve a new quote from Northwich Town Council to supply and install signs along top path, at Coronet pond and on Stretton Walk. Resolved – to approve the revised quote from Northwich Town Council at a cost of £895 (+VAT).
182.3	To consider and approve a quote to carry out tree works. • Tree works adjacent to 9 Styal Close Resolved – to approve a quote from Caddis at a cost of £1960 (+VAT) to carry out work on multiple trees.
182.4	To consider if any work is required to be done at the following locations: a) Rear of Woburn Close (on Top Path/Poors Wood) where anti-social behaviour has been noted and a recent fire occurred. Resolved – to discuss with Cheshire Wildlife Trust what action can be taken in this area to minimise repeat events and to also discuss the issue of the anti-social behaviour with the PCSO. b) Woodland area opposite 14-18 Moreville Close. Resolved – that no work needs to be carried out in this woodland area at this time. It was noted that the area was not identified as being of concern in the recent tree survey and a further inspection by a councillor and contractor this month concurred with the survey report. c) An oak tree at the rear of 9 Stretton Close.

	<p>Resolved - that no work needs to be carried out on the oak tree at this time. It was noted that the tree was not identified as being of concern in the recent tree survey and a further inspection carried out this month concurred with the survey report.</p> <p>d) Trees at the top of Burwardsley Way.</p> <p>Resolved – to obtain a quote for carrying out works to cut back the trees from the streetlight and to facilitate future maintenance in the area. The clerk was authorised to approve the works if the quote value is <£1000 (+VAT).</p>		
183	<p>AOB</p> <p>Items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woburn Close (top path / Poors Wood) update • Information regarding the use of weedkiller in the play areas. 		
184	<p>Next Meetings</p>	Kingsmead Parish Council	Monday 15 th December at 7.30pm in Kingsmead School
Finance Committee		Monday 5 th January 2026 at 7.30pm in Kingsmead School	
Parks & Environment Committee		Monday 12 th January 2026 at 7.30pm in Kingsmead School	

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.