

## MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Kingsmead Parish Council Parks and Environment Committee held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January

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

The meeting started at 7.32pm.

212	<p><b>Apologies</b> Cllr Weltman (family)</p>
213	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no declarations of interest.</p>
214	<p><b>Public Forum</b> There were no members of public present.</p>
215	<p><b>Grounds Maintenance Contract</b></p> <p>To receive an update regarding the tender, following the closing date for all bids on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. <b>Noted</b> – that five tender bids were received before the closing date. These are to be fully evaluated by the nominated panel at a meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January and interviews will be held as appropriate w/c 19<sup>th</sup> January.</p>
216	<p><b>Maintenance &amp; Landscaping</b></p> <p>216.1 Countrywide update: a) <b>To receive</b> reports and <b>to approve</b> any actions as appropriate. <b>Noted</b> – the summary of work carried out in December, and the actions being taken to assist residents on Burwardsley Way, where gritting will be carried out until a local grit bin can be installed.</p> <p>b) <b>To consider and approve</b> the use of “school-friendly” weedkiller in the play areas. <b>Resolved</b> – to approve the use of the “school-friendly” weedkiller in play areas, as long as its done in accordance with the manufacturers guidance and at times when the play areas are not in use.</p> <p>216.2 To consider any actions to be taken to minimise ASB incidents involving vandalism to bins. <b>Resolved</b> – to take the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It should be stressed to Countrywide that all bins must be locked after they are emptied.</li> <li>• The bin on Duke’s Way to be fixed to the ground.</li> <li>• The bin next to Coronet pond to be moved into a more open area.</li> </ul> <p>213.3 Anti-Social Behaviour in Poors Wood: a) <b>To receive</b> an update about works being carried out by CWT. <b>Noted</b> – that Cheshire Wildlife Trust has carried out remedial works at the rear of Woburn Close where there have been a number of ASB incidents. This work included replacing the broken fence, filling in the fire pit, clearing out rubbish from the surrounding woodland and removing shrubbery and trees to make the area more visible. All the committee members commented on the excellent job that had been done and thanked CWT for their efforts.</p> <p>b) <b>To approve</b> retrospectively paying a donation of £200 to CWT to carry out works to help minimise the ASB. <b>Resolved</b> – to approve a donation of £200 to CWT for the works completed.</p> <p>216.4 To consider actions to be taken regarding the public use of “Daffodil Hill”. <b>Resolved</b> – that no direct action should be taken at the moment, but council would monitor the situation and action may be considered in the future. Information will be posted on Facebook outlining the dangers of using the hill as a play area, the damage caused by biking, etc down the hill and the ongoing problem with litter creating an eyesore in this prominent location within Kingsmead.</p>

216.5	<p>To approve retrospectively a quote from Countrywide to supply and install a grit bin and salt on Burwardsley Way at a cost of £230 (plus VAT).  <b>Resolved</b> – to approve retrospectively paying to have a grit bin installed on Burwardsley Way to help residents who live at numbers 37-43.</p>		
216.6	<p>To consider carrying out an inspection of the 3x wooden bridges and the pond jetty.  <b>Resolved</b> – to approve a quote from Up and Under Ltd to carry out Principal Inspections of the bridges and jetty at a cost of £3345 (+VAT).</p>		
216.7	<p>To consider a request to remind residents to ensure boundary hedges do not overhang and encroach on public footpaths and roads.  <b>Resolved</b> – that no direct action should be taken as this is an issue that needs to be managed by CWaC, who have responsibility for footpaths and highways. Issues with overhanging hedges should be reported to CWaC who will determine if individual cases are causing a problem and write as appropriate. Information about how to do this will be posted on the KPC website.</p>		
217	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consider buying gazebos for future KPC events.</li> </ul>		
218	<b>Next Meetings</b>	Kingsmead Parish Council	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in Kingsmead School
		Parks & Environment Committee	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm in Kingsmead School