

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Kingsmead Parish Council Parks and Environment Committee
held on Monday 11th May

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

The meeting started at 7.30pm.

311	Apologies No apologies were received.
312	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest made.
313	Public Forum There were no members of public present.
314	Maintenance & Landscaping
314.1	To receive any updates from Countrywide and to approve actions as appropriate. Noted – that no reports had been received for Apr-2026; the clerk was asked to follow this up with Countrywide.
314.2	To approve a plan of remedial works for the wooden bridges and jetty. Noted – that the Principal Inspection reports for the wooden bridges and jetty identified no structural issues and that any recommendations made were to promote longevity. It was agreed that quotes should be obtained to cut back all vegetation encroaching on the structures, and also for any small remedial actions; these would be reviewed at the next P&E meeting and a final plan agreed.
314.3	To consider possible tree works at the following locations: a) End of Wilton Close. Resolved – to approve a quote from Caddis Ltd. at a cost of £1280 plus VAT. b) Duke's Way pond area. Resolved – to approve a quote from Caddis Ltd. at a cost of £1300 plus VAT. c) Top path – tree ID 110. Resolved - to approve a quote from Northwich Tree Surgery at a cost of £1200 plus VAT. d) Burwardsley Way play area and Top path – tree ID 281. Resolved – to approve a quote from Northwich Tree Surgery at a cost of £1200 plus VAT.
314.4	To consider and approve a quote to plant pyracantha in the hedge at the end of Capesthorne Close, to prevent the use of a short cut. Resolved – to approve a quote from Countrywide at a cost of £320 plus VAT.
314.5	To consider a wildflower management plan. Resolved – the committee discussed the recent information provided by Cllr Martin and Cllr Syed and it was agreed to implement a regular programme of flailing and harrowing to help sustain the natural growth of wildflowers along the spine road.
315	Play Areas
315.1	To consider and approve a quote to install benches in the Dukes Way 2 play area. Resolved – to approve a quote from Northwich Town Council to install benches at a cost of £1150 plus VAT.

315.2	To review the play inspection reports and to update as appropriate. Noted – that Cllr B Boylan will start inspecting the Campbell Close play area and Cllr Swift will inspect Kensington Way. It was noted that inspections are now being carried out more regularly.		
316	AOB Items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. There were no items noted for future meetings.		
317	Next Meetings	Annual Meeting of the Parish	Monday 18 th May at 7.00pm in Kingsmead School
Annual Meeting of Kingsmead Parish Council		Monday 18 th May – immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Parish	
Parks and Environment Committee		Monday 8 th June at 7.30pm in Kingsmead School	

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.