

**The Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of
Upchurch Parish Council held at Upchurch Village Hall
on 18th May 2022**

Present: Cllr Tyrone Ripley (Chairman), Cllr John Bodycomb, Cllr Gerry Lewin and Cllr Gary Rosewell; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

Cllr Ripley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr Ernie Berntsen, Cllr Helen Boakes and Cllr Pam Denny; apologies accepted.

2. Declarations of Interests

None were declared.

Public Time

No members of the public were present.

3. Paddock and Recreation Ground

i. To receive an update

Cllr Ripley reported that the safety inspections have been carried out. The right leg post of the air walker is loose, it seems to be an ongoing issue and although not urgent could become more difficult if the dry weather persists. Cllr Denny has reported that the grassed area in the paddock which was again raised will be ok and can be reviewed in November after the summer
ACTION: Cllr Berntsen to contact the maintenance contractor which dealt with the same problem earlier.

ii. Woodland trail update

Cllr Ripley said the school have offered to assist with this

Cllr Lewin said the suggestions from the school need to be looked at in detail, some items require changes. It is good to see the enthusiastic response from the school, they have made some very good suggestions.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** for Cllr Denny to refine the specification and to retender if necessary.

iii. To consider quotations for litter bins

Cllr Ripley said the Council is still waiting to get price from Swale Borough Council.

4. Allotments

Cllr Ripley said a plot has been relinquished and people on waiting list are being contacted.

Cllr Bodycomb said he will arrange to meet a prospective plot holder.

5. Burial Ground and Churchyard

Cllr Ripley reported that he has removed the broken bench, the new memorial bench is being delivered to the contractor for installation.

Cllr Lewin said there needs to be a liaison meeting with the Parochial Church Council regarding the churchyard ashes area and the responsibility of that. Someone has asked about the maintenance of the rose garden.

Cllr Ripley said the Council agreed that Upchurch Parish Council's Burial ground Policy that the maintenance of the Memorial Roses are the responsibility of the family or friends to tend.

6. Highways and Street lighting

There was no update.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Cllr Berntsen for update on the electricity supply and the street light maintenance contract.

7. Footpaths

There was nothing to report.

8. Environment

i. To receive an update

ii. To consider quotation to re-site the notice board

Ongoing.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain tender to replace the Perspex and re-site into ground near bus shelter.

9. Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

Cllr Ripley said Cllr Bodycomb has sourced bunting for the event; there are more entrants for the beacon lighting draw; the PA system has been sourced; the road closure notice has been obtained and Cllr Horton is getting the signs and cones.

Cllr Rosewell said red and white tiger tape needs to be used.

Cllr Lewin said a programme of events needs to be published.

ACTION: Clerk.

10. Any other matter arising

No other matters were raised.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15th June 2022 at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.43pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Chairman

Date: 9 June 2022