

**The Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of
Upchurch Parish Council held at Upchurch Village Hall
on 15th September 2021**

Present: Cllr John Arnold, Cllr John Bodycomb, Cllr Pam Denny and Cllr Gary Rosewell: and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Arnold took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

126. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Tyrone Ripley (holiday) and Cllr Gerry Lewin; apologies accepted.

127. Declarations of Interests

None were declared

Public Time

No members of the public were present.

128. Paddock and Recreation Ground

i. To receive an update

Cllr Denny reported that the climbing frame bolts had been replaced.

ii. To consider quotation for tree work

The Clerk said a quotation had been requested from the contractor.

iii. To consider quotations for grounds maintenance

The Clerk reported that two quotes had been received and clarification of one of the quotes was being sought.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain another quote.

Deferred to Full Council

iv. Benches

Cllr Denny said Swale Borough Council were offering grants to Town Councils for benches, the Parish Council has applied for funding for benches in The Paddock and Burial Ground, there is a Teams meeting with Swale to discuss this.

129. Allotments

Cllr Bodycomb reported that the speed limited sign had been installed in a prominent position. The Clerk reported that there had been no response from the plot holder of the overgrown allotment.

ACTION: Clerk to chase.

130. Burial Ground and Churchyard

Councillors **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the quotation from Clive Belsom to replace post and rehang the gate for £215.00.

131. Highways and Street lighting

Cllr Arnold reported that the overhead power line has been repaired and that UKPN will connect the light in Windmill Hill, this will complete the upgrade of the streetlights in the village.

The maintenance contract needs to be negotiated, the contractor wants a 25 year contract, the Council needs to ensure that the contract cannot be passed on. There are currently road closures and diversions in place.

132. Footpaths

Cllr Arnold reported that the footpath from Chaffes Lane to Bishops Lane garages still has not been addressed, details had been sent to KCllr Mike Baldock after the last Full Council meeting.

Cllr Denny asked for an update on the maintenance to the corner of Chaffes Lane.

The Clerk said that she is waiting to receive a quote.

ACTION: Clerk to chase.

133. Environment

Cllr Arnold reported that there has been no response from Gem Management regarding a litter bin for Four Gun Field.

Cllr Denny asked for an update on the oak trees at Grannies Green.

The Clerk said that Optivo have said it is not their responsibility, Swale Borough Council will be contacted.

Cllr Arnold said the tree survey needs to be checked to ensure the works needed has been carried out.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain quotes for another tree survey.

134. Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

Cllr Arnold said a committee has been formed to progress the event.

135. Any other matter arising

No other matters were raised.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20th October 2021 at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 7.56pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Chairman

Dated this 7th day of October 2021