

The **Minutes** of the meeting of the **General Purposes Committee** of
Upchurch Parish Council held at Upchurch Village Hall
on **20th April 2022**

Present: Cllr Ripley (Chairman), Cllr John Bodycomb, Cllr Pam Denny and Cllr Gerry Lewin; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

Cllr Ripley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

187. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Ernie Berntsen (unwell), Cllr Helen Boakes (personal) and Cllr Gary Rosewell (work); apologies accepted.

188. Declarations of Interests

None were declared.

Public Time

No members of the public were present.

189. Paddock and Recreation Ground

i. To receive an update

ii. To review litter bins in The Paddock

Cllr Ripley said one of the litter bins in The Paddock had previously been moved near to the footpath.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain quotation for bin for the footpath.

iii. To receive an update on the FCC Communities Fund and consider next step

Cllr Ripley said that an application has been submitted to the FCC Communities Fund however we do not have the second funder in place and this is required before the application can progress. Do we withdraw the application and resubmit when the funding is in place?

Cllr Denny said the trim trail would be connect to the Nature Trail. The Council could apply for a lottery grant for the Trim Trail and also towards the play equipment.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to withdraw the funding bid from the FCC Communities Fund and seek funding from The Lottery and Queenborough Fishery Trust.

Cllr Denny said the school has been contacted regarding the Woodland Trail and the response has been positive. There will be a meeting next week.

ACTION: Clerk to send details to the school.

190. Allotments

Cllr Bodycomb reported there were no issues at the allotments.

191. Burial Ground and Churchyard

i. To receive an update

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the quotation from Lindsay & Co of £550 to carry out remedial work on the lime tree in the church yard.

ii. To consider quotation for replacement noticeboard

Cllr Ripley **PROPOSED** to accept the quotation of £330 from the Noticeboard Company for a replacement noticeboard: **SECONDED** by Cllr Bodycomb: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Cllr Denny asked if the brown bins have been delivered to the Burial Ground.

ACTION: Cllr Denny and Clerk to check.

192. Highways and Street lighting

There was no report.

193. Footpaths

There was nothing to report.

194. Environment

i. To receive an update

Cllr Denny said she had mentioned to the grass cutters about the Jubilee event.

ACTION: Clerk to confirm date with grass cutters.

Cllr Ripley said the village sign has been refurbished and will be installed shortly.

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

Ongoing

195. Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

Cllr Ripley informed Members that The Crown has declined to run a bar at the beacon lighting, does the event need an outside bar? The Council can use the Scout Hut during the event.

Cllr Denny said a bar would not be necessary, the WI are doing refreshments and there will be an ice cream van.

ACTION: Clerk to ascertain what the Guides will do.

Cllr Denny asked if there will be bunting.

Cllr Ripley said the Upchurch knitters have been approached but they do not have time for the project. The Council has a grant from Swale Borough Council towards the event.

It was agreed that rectangular Union Flag bunting be purchased for the Recreation Ground fence along Oak Lane and Chaffes Lane plus an extra 20m for the village centre.

ACTION: Cllr Bodycomb to research.

196. Any other matter arising

No other business was raised.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Chairman

Date: 5th May 2022