

**The Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of  
Upchurch Parish Council held at Upchurch Village Hall  
on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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

Cllr Ripley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**167. Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Helen Boakes (unwell) and Cllr Ernie Berntsen; apologies accepted.

**168. Declarations of Interests**

None were declared.

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**Public Time**

No Members of the public were in attendance.

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**169. Paddock and Recreation Ground**

i. To receive an update

Cllr Ripley reported that St John's College have request details regarding a proposed multi-use games area, information has been sent. The car park key holders have been informed of the Jubilee events.

Cllr Denny reported that she had met with another contractor for the Trim Trail and climbing frame.

*ACTION: Clerk to apply for grant funding.*

ii. To consider Risk Assessment for multi-play unit

Cllr Ripley informed Members that the safety inspection report raised issue with the multi play area that *"The grass matting critical fall height has been reduced due to soil contamination". The report had scored the risk as low.*

iii. Woodland Trail- to consider quotation and receive an update

Cllr Ripley reported that part funding has been secured for the woodland trail, an application for the balance is with the Swale Western Area Committee which meets on 1 March.

**170. Allotments**

Cllr Bodycomb said there was nothing to report.

**171. Burial Ground and Churchyard**

Cllr Denny informed Members that she had walked round the Burial Ground with Cllr Boakes. The notice board is in need of repair.

**172. Highways and Street lighting**

There was nothing to report.

**173. Footpaths**

There was nothing to report.

**174. Environment**

i. To receive an update

Cllr Ripley said the planters will be Jubilee themed,

*ACTION: Clerk to ascertain if the planters will be in situ by 4 June.*

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

Ongoing.

**175. Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022**

Cllr Ripley informed Members that the Council has been successful in its bid for £500 from the Swale Jubilee Grant Fund. Full Council suggested asking vendors if they wish to have a stall on the Recreation Ground on Sunday 6 June, if the Council approaches businesses to attend the event it will be deemed to be organising it. It was agreed not to pursue this and that the Recreation Ground will be available for picnics.

**176. Any other matter arising** (not covered on this agenda)

Cllr Ripley reported that the company dealing with the Council's emails and IT support is waiting for the Projects Director to book this in when he returns from Annual Leave next week.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Chairman

Date: 3 March 2022