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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT HAVENER'S ON  
TUESDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2022 @ 12.00pm.**

Minutes taken by Cllr Mrs Frances Day

**Present:** Cllr Mrs Lynn Simms (Chair), Cllr Mr Patrick Hughes Cllr Mrs Frances Day and Cllr Mrs Ruth Finlay.

1} **To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Rhianna Cooke and Cllr Mr Scott Griffin

2} **Declarations of interest**

- (a) **Pecuniary:** None  
(b) **Non pecuniary:** None  
(c) **Dispensations:** A dispensation had been extended to Cllr Finlay to participate in any discussion pertaining to the Fowey allotments.

3} **Public Participation/Questions**

There were none.

4} **Minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2022**

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Finlay and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the previous meeting be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5} **Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda**

There were no matters arising.

6} **To receive the report of the Tree Warden (Cllr Day)**

The meeting had been preceded by a visit to Squires Field to decide where the trees to be planted to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee should be placed. It was felt that only 2 of the 30 trees available should be planted in June and the rest kept until the Autumn when conditions should be more favourable. One was an oak tree for the WI to mark the occasion, and the other one of the small trees brought on by Paul Finlay after the Council purchase from the Woodland Trust a couple of years ago. Town Clerk Sally Vincent would be asked to order 30 stakes and guards for the trees. It was hoped this purchase could be refunded from Jubilee funds in due course. It was noted that when the work on the Pavilion was carried out, an outside tap should be included. There had only been one planning application affecting trees recently, and that was a well set out application which had been recommended for approval.

7} **Specific areas of responsibility**

Reports on the following specific areas of responsibility were received as follows:

- *Old Grammar School Gardens:* Cllr Finlay: It was considered that the paintwork on the outside wall of the Gardens was in good condition and not in need of repainting in the immediate future.
- *Piggy Lane Triangle:* Cllr Finlay: There was some subsidence in the stone circle which would need digging out and rectifying. A quote had been received, for £720, but another was required. Cllr Day would contact gardener Zac Harris and see if he could recommend someone else to quote for the work. No deterioration had been noticed in the crumbling wall at the back of the Triangle.
- *Pretty Bus Stop:* Cllr Hughes: This was looking good, and the new team was working well.

- *Allotments: Cllr Finlay:* Several allotments had recently changed hands. Considerable rubbish had accumulated at the allotments, and the Council had agreed to finance a skip to take it all away. It was believed there were 15 people currently on the waiting list for one of the 34 allotments. There were now 2 beehives in the orchard area at the allotments
- *Local maintenance partnership (footpaths): Cllr Finlay:* Maintenance was being carried out according to the schedule.
- *Agency agreements, weed killing/grass cutting: Cllr Finlay:* This was being carried out by Lanhydrock Garden Services. The charge remained the same as the previous year, £5.59 per square metre.
- *Squires Field green areas and children's playground:* Nothing new to report.

#### 8} **Budget**

Nothing to report since the last meeting.

#### 9} **Ground Maintenance Specification Contract**

Renewal of the ground maintenance specification contract for the coming year was discussed. The quote from Cormac was £3,793, plus VAT, the same as last year. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Finlay and RESOLVED that this agreement should be renewed.

#### 10} **Squires Field Play area**

A renewal quotation from ROSPA of £25 per fortnight, ie £650 for the year was recommended. This was proposed by Cllr Finlay, seconded by Cllr Simms and RESOLVED that it be accepted.

#### 11} **Rachael Sculpture**

The sculptor, John Doubleday was prepared to make a site visit to the newly proposed site for the sculpture in the upper part of the Old Grammar School Gardens. Acceptance of this was proposed by Cllr Day, seconded by Cllr Finlay and RESOLVED by the Committee that the visit should go ahead.

#### 12) **Footpath from Lower Vicarage Meadow to New Road Hill**

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Sims and RESOLVED that Fowey Town Council would not submit a Definitive Map Modification Application for the footpath from Lower Vicarage Meadows (SX 12346 51861-SX 12239 51832) to New Road Hill via concrete steps (SX12270 51832-SX12271 51824) but that the DMMO should be completed and returned to the appropriate department of Cornwall Council by any interested member of the community as had been the case with previous footpath applications.

#### 13} **Environmental Growth Plan**

There had been a suggestion from a member of the public that the brambles between the Tristan Stone and Four Turnings should be cut back and the wild flower area recently planted should be extended. Cllr Simms would speak to LGS about the removal of the brambles and Cllr Day would speak to Zac Harris about the possible extension of the wild flower area. More wild flowers might be planted around the Windmill, but this would have to wait until it was formally returned to Fowey Town Council. The Fowey in Bloom boat would need to be relocated once the extension of the road and pavement in the area opposite the new housing development had been completed.

#### 14} **To receive Reports from Members**

There were no reports from members.

#### 15} **Proposed date of next meeting**

Tuesday 12th July 2022 @ 12.00pm in the Town Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed @ 1.05pm.

