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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN PAVILION HOUSE ON
FRIDAY 16th MAY 2025 @ 7.00pm.**

Minutes taken by Cllr Mrs Frances Day

Present: The Mayor, Cllr Mrs Lynn Simms, Cllr Mrs Frances Day and Cllr Mrs Kate Longman.

1} **Election of Chairman**

Cllr Day proposed that Cllr Simms should continue as Chairman of the Environment Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Longman it was RESOLVED that Cllr Simms should resume her responsibilities accordingly.

2} **To receive apologies for absence**

None.

3} **Declarations of interest**

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| (a) | Pecuniary: | None. |
| (b) | Non pecuniary: | None. |
| (c) | Dispensations: | None. |

4} **Public Participation/Questions**

None present.

5} **Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2025**

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

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

There were no matters arising.

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

Cllr Day reported that: A very large holm oak had recently fallen across St Catherine's Parade from Readymoney carpark and completely blocked the footpath. The Cornwall Council staff despatched to remove the tree had said that once holm oaks reach a certain age, they have a tendency to rot from inside and then fall down. This particular tree had been growing on a slope and was therefore not that firmly rooted. All credit to Cornwall Council, who had felled the remains of the tree, removed the wood and tidied up within 24 hours of it being reported. This was a sad loss of a venerable tree. More happily, the young oak tree planted nearby in Readymoney carpark had come into leaf and was thriving.

8} **Specific areas of responsibility**

The following specific areas of responsibility were allocated as detailed below:

- *Old Grammar School Gardens:* As the Town Council lease on the gardens was due to expire on 1st June, no responsible person was allocated. In view of the termination of the lease, the Rachel statue would have to be moved, together with various memorial benches.
- *Piggy Lane Triangle:* Cllr Longman: Sally Pearce's retirement meant that a new gardener would have to be appointed to tend this area.

- *Pretty Bus Stop: Cllr Day:* It was looking good and Fowey in Bloom had already replanted the pots there for the summer..
- *Allotments: Cllr Day:* There had been comments recently that several allotments were not being well tended.
- *Local maintenance partnership (footpaths): Cllr Simms.*
- *Agency agreements, weed killing/grass cutting: Cllr Simms.*
- *Squires Field green areas: Cllr Day.*
- *Squires Field Children's playground: Cllr Longman.* Now that all the work on the playground was almost complete, the requirement going forward would be for liaison with Andy Inglefield, who would remain responsible for monitoring the health and safety aspects of the playground and repairing where necessary and possible.

9} **Expenses for approval, Squires Field**

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded by Cllr Longman and **RESOLVED** that a quote from Andy Inglefield of £1,170 (20 x 45) for RoSPA inspections be accepted.
- (ii) It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded by Cllr Longman and **RESOLVED** that a quote from Andy Inglefield to install the north fence at the playground to match the existing one, but at a height of 1.8m, of £4,200, be accepted, although it was noted that this seemed rather expensive.
- (iii) It was proposed by Cllr Day, seconded by Cllr Simms and **RESOLVED** to accept a quotation for the post installation inspection of the new play equipment of £325.00.
- (iv) It was proposed by Cllr Simms, seconded by Cllr Longman and **RESOLVED** that a quotation of £4,484 to provide waste management services from July 2025 to June 2026 at Squires Field, be accepted.

10} **Allotments**

It was proposed by Cllr Day, seconded by Cllr Simms and **RESOLVED** that a quotation of £505 plus VAT for the provision of a skip to remove rubbish from the allotments be accepted.

11} **Environmental Growth Plan**

- The meeting was keen to gain greater awareness and involvement of the people of Fowey in environmental initiatives.
- Cllr Simms was particularly keen to involve the schools.
- Although the wild flowers planted around the Tristan Stone had not thrived, it was thought that replanting would be desirable.
- Various areas around the edges of Squires Field might be transformed into wildlife meadows.
- More access to the orchard area at the allotments might be arranged, with perhaps a wassail event in the autumn.
- Information about the bees living in the orchard might be promulgated more widely.
- Bird and bat boxes could be erected at Squires Field.
- It was noted that Paul Finlay was cultivating more young trees, and it was hoped he would continue with this project.
- A wildlife pond might be installed at Squires Field.
- The reduction in weed killing around the Town had worked well with few detrimental effects.
- A further open day to raise public awareness about environmental issues might be planned.

12} **To Receive Reports from Members**

There were no reports from members.

13} **Proposed date of next meeting**

It was proposed that this should take place on **Monday 7th July 2025** at 6.00pm in Pavilion House.

There being no further business, the meeting closed @ 7.35pm.

