



**Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting** held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 commencing at 2.00pm, in the Town Council Office, Lady Street, Dulverton.

**Present:** Chairman: Cllr. Mrs Christine Dubery. Cllrs: Mr Alan Ottey: Mr Bill Gash; Mrs Allison Crisp and Mrs Louise Parrish.

**Deferment of Business for comment by the public.** None

**Apologies:** Cllr. Mr John Preston who has sustained a shoulder injury and is unable to drive.

**Declarations of Interests:** None that are not already declared.

**Chairman's Comments & Meeting Management:** None

**Matters Arising:**

**All Saints Church School House Boundary Wall:**

Mr Thomas Thurlow ENPA Historic Officer – has visited the site and advised accordingly. A meeting with representatives of the P.C.C. is to be held later this afternoon.

**Cemetery:**

Rules & Regulations:

a) Levelling of graves

The project is proceeding well. The plots levelled are to be covered with top soil and re-seeded. Cllr. Dubery to source suitable grass seed.

It is standard procedure for grave plots to be levelled at the appropriate time and the policy is to be enforced in all cases as per the published rules and regulations. The asset is owned by the Council whose members are duty bound to ensure that it is maintained to a specification approved by the Council.

b) Artificial flowers

**RESOLVED:** To publish the notice as presented by the Clerk concerning the prohibition of the use of artificial flowers. Proposed by Mr Gash, seconded by Mrs Crisp and carried.

**Renewal of Groundsman Contracts – April 2023:**

It was agreed that all work that is the responsibility of SW&T or SCC that historically been undertaken by DTC but is now the responsibility of the Highways Stewart will be removed from the schedules of work.

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the Service Agreements as presented by the Clerk. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mrs Parrish and carried.

**Reports from Members as follows:**

Cemetery: Cllr. Mrs Louise Parrish  
No further comment.

Church Yard: Cllr. Mrs Louise Parrish / Parish Lengthsman: Mr John Preston  
Grass cutting to commence next week.

Sports Field: Cllr. Mrs Christine Dubery  
The height of the leylandii requires lowering.  
Mole activity has been identified on the north and east perimeter of the Tennis Club. The mole catcher to be asked to attend.

Barnsclose: Cllr. Mr Alan Ottey  
Some of the repairs to the play equipment have been undertaken.  
There is little use of the area by children at the moment probably due to the ongoing SW Water works.

Kings Corner: Cllr. Mr John Preston  
Nothing to report.

Exmoor Lawns: Cllr. Mrs Louise Parrish  
The fencing is to be taken down next Tuesday  
Mole activity observed. The mole catcher is to be asked to attend.

Abbots Way/ Abbots Way Pond: Cllr. Allan Ottey  
A further camellia has been planted near the pond.

Pound Walk: Cllr. Mr John Preston  
Nothing to report.

Lorna Doone Roundabout & Grass Cutting: Cllr. Mrs Louise Parrish  
Nothing to report

**Urgent maintenance issues with regards all other grounds with permission of the Chairman:**

Barnsclose Recreation Ground – Play equipment request:

Members commented that the equipment installed in Barnsclose Recreation Ground was determined by the children at the local school. It was aimed at slightly older children as the under- fives are catered for at Kings Corner Recreation Ground. At the present time there is no funding available to meet the cost of further equipment.

**Chairman.....**

