

**Minutes of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee Meeting
held on Monday 2nd December 2024 at 6.00pm at The Beechfield
Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs S Adams (Chairman), J Bridgeman and D Dixon

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer

2412/01 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs F Biederman and N Denton.

2412/02 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

2412/03 **Public Participation Period**

None.

2412/04 **Minutes**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th October 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

2412/05 **Assets of Community Value**

Members were informed that the owner of the Lagoon View Community Orchard site had lodged a "Listing Review" the review had now taken place and North Devon Council had confirmed that the site would be listed as an Asset of Community Value.

The Administration and Projects Manager had sent a further email with questionnaire to members but not received a response, residents of Allenstyle were assisting with details for the registration of land in Allenstyle and it was agreed for the Chairman of the Committee to meet with the Administration and Projects Manager to progress the other sites.

2412/06 **Beechfield Play Area**

At the last meeting members were informed that parts of the trail play equipment in the Beechfield Play Area were broken beyond repair, a quotation had been received to replace the broken ropes and bridge at a cost of £3,769 + VAT (£4,522.80). Members noted that the equipment is old and wearing in several places and it was agreed to seek a quotation to replace the equipment with a new piece of climbing equipment and consider the most cost effective to proceed. A quotation had been received to remove the old equipment and replace with a Pyramid Climber at a cost of £20,934 + VAT. Members felt that the main structure of the equipment was in good condition and after discussion about the most cost-effective way forward it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to agree accept the quotation to repair the equipment at a cost of £3,769 + VAT and to undertake a strategic review of all of the Parish Council's play area and equipment to aid budgets and replacements.

2412/07

Draft Budgets

Members considered the draft budgets for 2025/2026. Members noted that the cost of grass cutting had increased slightly to allow for additional areas and the new equipment budget had increase from £1,500 to £5,500 due to the cost of equipment. After discussion it was resolved, to accept the draft budgets for 2025/2026.

The meeting closed at 6.22pm.

Signed: Dated: