



UPTON BY CHESTER AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Upton by Chester and District Parish Council's General Purposes Committee held on Monday 20 June 2022, 7.00pm, at Upton Pavilion, Wealstone Lane, Upton, Chester.

Present: Cllr Carter, Cllr T Egerton-Parry and Cllr Poulton.

In attendance: Suzi Bull (Clerk/Proper Officer), 1 member of the public.

In the absence of Cllr Houlbrook, Cllr Carter took the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Bennion, Cllr J Egerton-Parry, Cllr Houlbrook and Cllr Samuel and Cllr Walker.

Resolved: noted.

Cllr Evans was also absent from the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were declared.

3. MINUTES.

Resolved: The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Taken as read.

4. CHEMISTRY PITS.

The Clerk provided feedback on site visits regarding the maintenance of the wildlife area.

Resolved: Arrangements will be made for the grounds maintenance contractor to re-mow paths through the wildlife area; all other maintenance work in this area will be carried out later in the year.

Members received and considered a quotation for repairs to the path. Three options are available depending on the style and materials used.

Resolved: The Clerk will seek further quotations in line with two of the options already provided.

A project to work with Chester Zoo's Nature Corridor project by way of holding an event at Chemistry Pits on Friday 8 July was approved.

5. PAVILION FOOTPATH.

Members considered the provision of the new footpath from Wealstone Lane to the Pavilion. The Parish Council has received a request to extend the path to allow wheeled vehicle access to the door of the Pavilion.

Committee members left the meeting to review the layout of the path and the exterior of the pavilion.

Two possible options were discussed:

- To create a route along the edge of the car park/pavilion, with official markings to denote wheeled vehicle access.
- To build two corners of the main entrance path to the pavilion in order to widen the route for wheeled access.

Resolved: The Parish Council will seek quotations for both options outlined above.

This item was deferred to later in the meeting.

6. TREE AT MARL HEYS.

Resolved: that members of the public will be excluded from this part of the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the grounds being that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Members received further information regarding the personal circumstances of the resident who has requested the Parish Council's assistance in removing a tree from Marl Heys.

Resolved: A potential solution was agreed which the Clerk will pass on to the resident after which a decision will be made regarding when and if tree works will be carried out.

To receive further information regarding the cost of tree works and consider further action.

7. CATERING VAN, PAVILION CAR PARK.

The Parish Council has received a request for a catering van to use the Pavilion car park on a weekly basis, for the purpose of trading.

The Parish Council has previously approved this in principle (General Purposes Committee 02.11.20).

Resolved: The request is approved for a trial period 3 months. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with the trader to agree terms after which a written agreement will be put in place.

8. OUTDOOR CINEMA.

The committee considered a suggestion to host an outdoor cinema event on the QE II playing field in September.

Resolved: The suggestion was approved in principle; further details will be considered and agreed at the next meeting.

The meeting became inquorate at this point, no further items were considered.

9. PARISH SURVEY ACTION PLAN.

To consider action in response to feedback from the Parish Survey.

10. POND.

To review progress with the development of the pond.

11. TEEN OUTDOOR ACTIVITY PROVISION.

To review and further consider the provision of teen appropriate outdoor activities equipment.

12. GRASS VERGES.

To consider 're-wilding' grass verges on Parish Council property.

13. COMMUNITY EVENT.

To consider holding a further community event on the second Saturday of September.

14. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Resolved: The date and time of the next meeting will be on Monday 18 July.