



Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 25 June 2018 in Elton Community Centre.

Present: Councillors Maureen Wilson (in the Chair), Colin Crispin, Martin Dickinson, Margaret Lockhart, Ron Reading

In attendance: Mrs Pauline English (acting Parish Clerk) and two members of the public

18.52 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ruth Ackroyd and Pauline O'Reilly. Councillor Miller was absent from the meeting.

18.53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

18.54 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

A question was asked about how long the project on the Jubilee Field was going to take and how much would it cost. The Chairman responded that the field had been bought in 2012 and had cost £12,000 and a further £3,000 had been spent on it since then. It was not possible to say at this stage how long the project would take to complete or what the final cost would be.

A further question was asked about who would be responsible for the maintenance of the field once the project was complete. It was confirmed that maintenance of the trees would be by Councillor Dickinson and the Scouts.

In response to a question about why the Village Green had not been maintained, it was explained that the Parish Council was concentrating on getting the Jubilee Field project finished. Unfortunately, inclement weather had delayed planting.

In response to a query about how it was decided what should be done with the Jubilee Field, it was confirmed that the wildlife project had been undertaken as a result of a response to a questionnaire completed by residents.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Countrywide be asked to do a cut and remove on the Village Green rather than just a cut and drop.
- (2) Neil Bowdler be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting.

18.55 JUBILEE FIELD

A request had been received to extend the boundary of the Dog Walking Area. Some discussion on the Jubilee Field had already taken place during Public Speaking Time. Councillor Dickinson told the Parish Council that the Woodland Trust required a certain acreage and that taking more off the Jubilee Field would reduce the size below their requirements. Councillor Lockhart responded by saying that the people who use the Dog Walking Area love it, but it isn't big enough for larger dogs. There had been many requests from residents to make the site larger.

It was proposed by Councillor Dickinson that no action be taken to increase the Dog Walking Area. This was not seconded.

It was proposed by Councillor Lockhart and seconded by Councillor Reading that the Dog Walking Area be extended to a size to be agreed on site and that Andy Eardley be asked to undertake the work as he had been involved with the first phase. This was put to the meeting and agreed by 4 votes to 1.

RESOLVED: That the motion to extend the Dog Walking Area be agreed.

18.56 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9 July 2018 at 7.00pm in Elton Community Centre.