



Theydon Bois Parish Council

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Theydon Bois, Essex CM16 7ER

Clerk to the Council: Caroline Carroll
Responsible Financial Officer: Caroline Carroll

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of Theydon Bois Parish Council held via Zoom at 8.00 pm on Wednesday 10th March 2021.

Councillors Present: Cllrs Hannibal, Cllr Gooch, Cllr Blake, Cllr Amos, Cllr Burn, Cllr Wood and Cllr Philip
Apologies: None
Officers Present: Mrs Caroline Carroll
Members of the public: None

304. Apologies for Absence

None

305. Confirmation of Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 9th December 2020.

APPROVED

Cllr Hannibal mentioned that Cllr Philip was going to check with EFDC on the maintenance of the Hoppit pathway now this has been refurbished. Can we clarify who will take ownership of the maintenance. Cllr Gooch will speak to Cllr Purkiss regarding this.

306. Disclosure of Interests with regard to items on the Agenda

(Existence of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or existence and nature of Other Pecuniary Interest or a Non-Pecuniary Interest). The Council has adopted the Essex Public Law Partnership Code of Conduct).

None

307. Public Participation session with regard to items on the Agenda

None

308. Any Other Urgent Business for report (without decision)

Please note that no decisions can be lawfully made under this item. The Local Government Act 1972 section 12 10 (2) (b) states that business must be specified; therefore, the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for decision.

309. To review the current budget for 2020 / 2021

No concerns and the budget appear to be on track for the remaining financial year.

310. To discuss and review the quote for the maintenance to the village flagpole.

This was approved by the Committee to go ahead with this quote of £667.50 for the maintenance of the flagpole and £52.20 (inc. VAT) for the replacement of the weight. This was agreed to be essential to ensure this village flagpole was maintained properly.

APPROVED

311. To discuss and agree future expenditure at the cemetery to include new gates and fencing.

The Parish Council would like to do start to do some work to the new cemetery area that is immediately behind the existing cemetery. Cllr Purkiss has obtained a quote to instal new gates at a cost of £3,000. During the approval of the 20/21 budget the Council earmarked £10,000 for the new cemetery area and the costs for the new gates will be taken from this £10,000. This was approved by the Committee, but a formal written quote would need to be circulated to all. **APPROVED**

312. To discuss and support expenditure at the Allotments for commemorative mugs to mark the 90-year anniversary of the village allotments.

Cllr Gooch explained to the Committee that Cllr Soutar would like to mark the 90th Anniversary of the opening of the Village Allotments by giving all plot holders a commemorative mug. The quote for this is in the region of £350-400 and there is money within the existing allotment budget which would broadly cover this cost. This was agreed to be a nice gesture to mark the occasion. **APPROVED**

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Cllr Gooch informed the Committee that Cllr Purkiss would like to complete the great work that has been done so far on the pavement and kerb repairs around the village. There is an amount that remains in the Infrastructure budget in which Cllr Purkiss can spend up until the remaining financial year and the new approved infrastructure budget will take effect from 1st April 2021.

302. Date of next F&GP Committee Meeting

Wednesday 26th May 2021

303. Following Agenda items will exclude Public and Press:

None

Cllr Hannibal closed the meeting at 8.40 PM.

Signed on behalf of the Committee as a true record

Councillor Mike Hannibal Chairman.....Dated.....