

BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks and Gardens Committee held in the Council Chamber at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 2 April 2025

Present Cllrs: D Spear, M Shapland, R Shapland, E Blackmore, L Childs, V Cann and M Cann

Also in Attendance Tracey Lovell (Parish Clerk)
Angela Corner (Senior Council Officer)

PG/19/2024/25 **Apologies** None received

PG/20/2024/25 **Declarations of Interest** None

PG/21/2024/25 **Minutes** The committee noted that the Minutes of the Parks and Gardens Committee meeting held on 4 December 2024 had previously been approved and ratified by full Council and the Minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
(5:2 abs)

PG/22/2024/25 **Recreation Ground** We have received reports from the public and members of staff that there are still a regular number of users ignoring the dogs on leads signs in the recreation ground and not cleaning up dog mess.
RESOLVED:
i) That the Committee would like to give the public longer to publicise the rules and will continue to monitor the situation to see if it improves.
ii) Report on social media and in EX33 that people are still ignoring the signs
iii) Remind residents that the Council does not want to ban dogs from the Recreation Ground but will consider whether it is necessary at its next meeting.

(NC)

PG/23/2024/25 **Parish Council Play** a) The Senior Council Officer reported

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that the ROSPA inspection reports had been received and a number of small low risk items had been picked up and are being dealt with. Also picked up on the reports were:

b) Mowstead Play Park Fence – the Clerk reported that the bottom fence has been replaced but the top end is also now in need of replacement.

RESOLVED: That the Council

i) Replaces approximately 26m of post, rail and picket fencing at a cost of £2987.34 and installs a new self-closing gate at a cost of £1637.15.

ii) To delegate powers to the Clerk to propose that North Devon Council consider the transfer of the play park to Braunton Parish Council prior to devolution.

(NC)

c) Mowstead Play Equipment - The Clerk reported that with Council has now budgeted a total of £30,000 to replace the multiplay equipment previously removed together with the Sputnik (which is rusting and the safety surfacing lifting).

RESOLVED:

i) To continue with the plans and obtain an up to date quote for the new equipment

ii) To apply for any shortfall in funding to the District Councillor and County Councillor grant funding.

(NC)

PG/24/2024/25 **Urban Grass Verges**

RESOLVED:

i) That the Committee agree to the Mowing Schedule for 2025 (attached as Appendix A) to incorporate 'No Mow May'. This will include a first cut of all verges in spring with the last cut before May of the A361 at the end of April. To consider the areas needing cutting in June but continue to keep the visibility splays cut.

ii) To provide 2 cuts per year – Spring and late summer to adopted wild flower verges. The grass to be collected by adoptee.

iii) To leave an area of North Down Road uncut for wildlife but continue to cut visibility splays.

iv) To promote 'No Mow May' in EX33

(NC)

PG/25/2024/25 **Parish Council Trees** RESOLVED:
i) To obtain the 3 yearly tree report at a cost of £750.
ii) To replace previously removed trees (including those which had Ash die back) with 6 mature trees in late Autumn/Winter. Site and type to be determined by garden staff.
(NC)

PG/26/2024/25 **Committee Development Plan 2025/26** RESOLVED: To add a review of the woods at the Old Quarry (Attached as appendix B)
(NC)

The meeting closed at 3.03pm

Chairman:

Date:.....