

BRAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parks and Gardens Committee held in the Council Chamber at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 4 December 2024

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

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

- PG/8/2024/25 **Apologies** R Shapland and M Shapland - indisposed.
- PG/9/2024/25 **Declarations of Interest** None
- PG/10/2024/25 **Minutes** a. The committee noted that the Minutes of the Parks and Gardens Committee meeting held on 5 June 2024 had previously been approved and ratified by full Council and the Minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
(NC)
- PG/11/2024/25 **Invasive Weed Management** Our grounds maintenance team are no longer able to continue to control the small area of Japanese Knotweed at Velator Quay. The Committee considered a quote received from an invasive weed management company to treat the area. The company offered 3 levels of treatment.
RESOLVED: That the Committee agree to budget for Option 1 (the 5-year solution) for treatment and put £3700 in the 2025/26 budget.
(NC)
- PG/12/2024/25 **Recreational Ground** Following the installation of new play equipment at the Recreation Ground, the Committee reconsidered the dogs on leads policy. A number of complaints were received from users as well as our grounds staff regarding dogs off leads and of dog waste not being disposed of.

North Devon Council are unable to fine owners due to our current policy of allowing dogs in the rec.

RESOLVED: That the Council
i) Publicise the issue
ii) Consult with the public
iii) Take back to the committee to decide whether to ban dogs or not.

(NC)

PG/13/2024/25 **Anchor Area**

The Clerk updated the committee on the need for maintenance at the Anchor area. RESOLVED: To budget £15000 for resurfacing and other works to the Anchor area in 2025/26.

(NC)

PG/14/2024/25 **Mowstead Play Park**

The Clerk reported that the budget for Mowstead play park now stands at £39,000 subject to £6192 of Section 106 funding plus locality funding being agreed. This includes £15,000 carried forward from last year and a sum of £15,000 added to the budget for 2025/26. The improvements would replace the Sputnik with an inclusive roundabout and the installation of a multiplay item of equipment suitable for older children. This would include safety surfacing. RESOLVED: To liase with the community and via the Saunton Park Community Facebook page to discuss their needs.

(NC)

PG/15/2024/25 **Parish Council Trees**

RESOLVED: That the Council carry out the tree works quoted as follows:
a) Safety works to willow tree on river bank opposite Chaloners Play Park (Caen School field) at a cost of £1150 (due to awkward access)
b) canopy reduction on a number of trees in the Recreational Ground on the bank adjacent to Park Villas including reducing brambles at a total cost of £1080.

(NC)

PG/16/2024/25 **Memorial Gardens**

A request for an additional name and rose to be added to the already dedicated Memorial Gardens rosebeds has been received.

RESOLVED: That the Council no longer accepts requests for rosebed memorials and to accept one more would be unfair to others. A memorial seat could be considered

(NC)

PG/17/2024/25 **Removal of Green**

The Committee considered options for

Waste

removal of Council green waste.
RESOLVED: To give the Clerk delegated powers to research the options with the Senior Council Officer and Committee Chair working to the amount set in the budget.for 2025/26.

(NC)

PG/18/2024/25

**Committee Budget
2025/26**

RESOLVED: To recommend to Council to agree a total committee budget of £146,686 for 2025/26 attached as Appendix A. Summer planting to include replanting planters outside Parish Hall.

(NC)

The meeting closed at 3.03pm

Chairman:

Date:.....