



# Dulverton Town Council

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## The Clerk

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**Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting** held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 4.00pm, using remote video conferencing.

**Present:** Chairman: Mrs Christine Dubery. Cllrs: Mr Gerry Lewis; Mr Alan Ottey Mrs Louise Parrish and Mr John Preston.

**Deferment of Business for comment by the public.** None

**Apologies:** None

### **Declarations of Interests:**

Cllr. Mrs Dubery regarding the Sports Field.

### **Matters Arising:**

#### Kings Corner Play Area:

Equipment Renewal: Sutcliff Play have been contacted and requested information as to when the new equipment will be installed.

Seating: The Clerk was requested to ask Mr Takel (Grounds Man) as to where he considered the best place to place a bench.

#### Barnsclose Play Equipment Refurbishment:

Mr Peter Russell has been contacted and asked as to when he intends to commence the refurbishment of the picnic table and swings.

Exmoor Lawns Seating: A proposal has been made to place a bench at the edge of the lawns in front of the E.N.P.A. Headquarters, at an estimated cost of £400. The Clerk was requested to confirm with Mr Takel, that this would not interfere with regular grounds maintenance work.

### **Reports with regards all areas and responsibilities as follows:**

#### Cemetery: Cllr. Mr Gerry Lewis:

It was reported that the cemetery is looking immaculate. However, the Clerk was requested to ask Mr Nicholas to wash the gates.

#### Church Yard: Cllr. Mrs Louise Parrish / Parish Lengthsman: Mr John Preston:

No issues raised.

#### Sports Field: Cllr. Mrs Christine Dubery:

It was reported that both the Cricket Club and Tennis Club have re-opened to members. Each club being responsible for its own safety protocols etc.

No other issues raised.

#### Barnsclose: Cllr. Mr Alan Ottey:

No issues raised.

Kings Corner: Cllr. Mr John Preston:

No issues raised.

Exmoor Lawns: Cllr. Mrs Louise Parrish:

Japanese Knotweed has been identified as growing adjacent to the river. It has been reported to E.N.P.A.

Lorna Doone Roundabout & Grass Cutting: Cllr. Mrs Louise Parrish:

It was suggested that the roundabout needs weeding and could possibly do with some more bark.

Abbots Way: Cllr. Alan Ottey:

There exist problems concerning dog walkers failing to 'pick up', after their dogs. The Clerk was requested to organise some signage to highlight the issue.

Pound Walk: Cllr. Mr John Preston:

Some issues were raised concerning the cutting back of vegetation.

### **Groundsmen Report:**

Both Mr Takel and Mr Nicholas provided members with a written report as to the management of the grounds maintenance during lockdown.

Both commented that they had not experienced any problems.

It was noted that the 'poop scoop' bags are still being taken on a regular basis suggesting that the culprits are local, rather than those who are visiting.

### **Dulverton Sports Field:**

Following a request from Mr Fleming, Chairman of the Sports Field Charity Committee, members considered the re-opening of the sports field giving consideration to current Government guidelines. As a result the Clerk was requested to ask Mr Takel to unlock the gate.

### **Urgent maintenance issues with regards all other grounds with permission of the Chairman:**

Exmoor Lawns Signage: Members considered the need for signage to be installed in various places on the Lawns reminding people of the need to socially distance and to wash their hands regularly.

It was agreed that the situation is monitored by Cllr. Mrs Parrish and reviewed if it appears that the current Government advice is not being adhered to.

**Date of future meetings:** To be determined.

**Chairman**.....