

Woodlands Committee meeting held on Monday 26th April 2021, commencing at 7.30pm, after the Planning meeting when there were present:

Mr P Savage in the Chair

Mrs L Barrington-Smith
Mrs B Clarke
Mrs J Latchford

Mr J Pennells
Mrs M Temple
Mrs J Tyler

Also present: RFO and Assistant Clerk

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Wilson-Town

Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda Mrs Temple and Mr Pennells reminded the meeting that they were members of the District Council's Standards Committee.

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 23 November 2020 and 14 December 2020 were confirmed by the meeting and then signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising & report items

Eastfields: It was reported that the no cycling sign had been broken off the post and was to be re-mounted.

Current budget overview

It was reported that the Committee received the current budget picture.

To agree date for annual risk inspection tour

Councillors Savage, Latchford, Temple and Clerk if she was available, agreed to meet on 10 May, opposite Ghost Hill Infant School at 2pm, weather permitting.

To receive Mr Allaway's tree work update and consider recommendations

Councillors had received copies of Mr Allaway's update and the following actions resolved:

Felling out of Ash Trees in Eastfields had been completed and Mr Savage thanked Mr Capper for assisting with this.

Scots Pine no 255: "woodpecker pine" dead wood had been removed and path diverted.

Yew no 135: Rope swing had caused damage to trunk and had been removed, dead/damaged branches also removed. Notice attached to tree to explain reason for these actions.

To consider quotes to replace fencing on the Ghosthill Wood boundary with Norgate Way

A quote had been received from Norwich Garden Landscapes. The Meeting felt that concrete posts would last longer. The RFO discussed with the Meeting the possibility of using the underspend from 2020/21 budget, RFO to check and confirm amount we hold. Mrs Tyler proposed, seconded Mr Pennells, to accept the quote in the sum of £1880 to fit new concrete posts, fence panels and gravel boards and to fit a new gate for an additional £150 and to use all of the 2020/21 underspend available to fund this.

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Tree wardens forum

Mr Savage reported that Ghost Hill Wood and Eastfield had been well used throughout lockdown. The bluebells were coming through but had been trampled down in places and could do with some rain.

Meeting closed at 8pm

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