

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday the 9th day of AUGUST 2021 at Feltwell Playing Field, Paynes Lane – commencing 7.00 pm to discuss the deteriorating boundary wall, quotations for various tree work and to undertake a playing field walkabout.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Messrs Rayner (Chair), Lambert (Vice-Chair), Cock, Cole, Fenn and Storey, Mrs McGeeney, Mrs Peckham and Mrs Wilson.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Mrs Arnold and Mrs Bane.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Mrs Peckham declared an interest in Item 2.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: There were no members of the public present.

1. Playing Field Boundary Wall – Having sent an invitation to the owners of Corner Lodge to attend an on-site meeting and received their response stating they were referring the matter onto their lettings agent as they were out of the country, Mrs Peckham felt that the lettings agent should be asked to attend in their absence as the wall is damaged in other areas and is now in a worse condition than when the lettings agent first visited last year. Mr Fenn agreed and said the owners have a duty of care to make the wall safe as it neighbours a public playing field. Mr Lambert said other residents had repaired their part of the wall when necessary and the owners of Corner Lodge must take responsibility too. It was agreed by all that a meeting with the lettings agent should be set up. Clerk to organise.

2. Playing Field Tree Work Quotations – Clerk circulated quotations from three contractors to (1) remove the offending tree stump mentioned in Item 1 (2) fell the tree in the corner of the field also neighbouring the wall and remove its stump and (3) to remove the loose branches caught up in one of the pine trees by the entrance. Mr Storey said tree stumps could be killed by injecting Round-Up and thought this was a better way to remove the stump. Mr Storey proposed obtaining prices for injecting both stumps with Round-Up, Mr Fenn second, all in favour. It was felt both pine trees near the gate needed felling as they are both leaning over the road. Clerk to obtain prices for this work with a view to it being pencilled in for the second week of September.

3. Playing Field Walkabout – Overgrowing shrubbery from 51 Nightingale Lane needs cutting back to boundary line. Clerk to write to owner. Handyman to remove ivy from gateposts and cut back the overhanging branch near cub hut entrance, cut back the tree overhanging the large lump of concrete and put up a new basketball net. Clerk to purchase new basketball net and speak to Handyman.

4. PLANNING

There were no planning applications.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5. Dog Bin – A resident had been seen regularly depositing a carrier bag full of dog foul into the dog bin at the entrance to the playing field car park which was an issue because it meant the bin was too full for other dog owners to use and bags were being left underneath the bin. Mrs Peckham suggested writing to the resident, politely asking him to refrain from doing this.

6. Trees War Memorial – Mr Rayner expressed concern regarding the Yew tree situated in St Mary's Churchyard as it is overhanging the Memorial Garden causing the newly turfed grass beneath it to die. Mr Cock suggested writing to the Church asking them to cut the tree back.

Meeting declared closed 8.30 pm.