#### ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday 24 January 2023 at 7.30pm at the Community & Youth Building, Rear of Redfield Edge School.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: M Bridge, P Collins, L Efthymiou,

G Hardman, Su Nash

Mrs K Fry – Clerk

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and explained the emergency procedures.

### 230/23. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

# 231/23. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ALLOTMENT TENANT MEETING

A tenant asked the Council if the Allotment site could become a plastic free site. There are many sheets placed around the site that disintegrate and spread around neighbouring plots.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk to place a notice on the noticeboard asking them to consider using only degradable plastics that can remain in the ground.

A tenant raised concerns over tenants cleaning produce and tools in the troughs.

**RESOLVED** The Clerk to place a notice on the noticeboard asking residents to refrain from this.

A tenant raised concerns over the height of the hedge and the many gaps forming. The Clerk advised this is an ongoing concern as tenants were throwing their weeds into the hedges and killing them. New Hawthorns had been planted but have not been given time to grow due to further waste being dumped.

**RESOLVED** The Clerk to contact the Cotswold Wardens to see if they have any contacts with regards to hedge laying.

A tenant raised the issue of the padlock being left on the floor and not on the chain or gate.

**RESOLVED** The Clerk to contact Chris to see if there is any way this can be glued or bolted to the gate chain.

#### 232/23. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR

The financial report had been circulated and was noted.

#### 233/23. CREATIVE ARTS

Councillors agreed the theme for 2023 as "Our Changing World"

#### 234/23. PHOTOGRAPY COMPETITION

The Clerk reported that she had placed the advert in the Week-in and on the noticeboards promoting this years competitions.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk to share the poster with Sir Bernard Lovell School.

## 235/23. BITTON IN BLOOM

Councillors Efthymiou, Harding, Collins and Nash are happy to drive forward the competition. **RESOLVED** the Clerk to contact North Common Village Hall and check availability for the presentation. Councillor Hardman to look at revising the criteria.

# 236/23. TO CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- a) **Friendship & Exercise Club.** The Clerk reported that numbers had improved following the advertisement in the Week-in.
- b) **Redfield Hill Playpark**. The Clerk reported that a resident had contacted her with regards to locking of the park. This had previously been discussed and Councillors felt that this was not necessary.

The meeting ended at 7.51 pm.	
	Chair