

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021 AT 7.30PM**  
**USING ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr A M T Reading (Chairman)  
Cllr C P O'Rourke (from item 2.)  
Cllr Mrs P H Whiting  
Cllr Mrs C Reavey  
Cllr Mrs A Gardner  
Cllr H L Jackson  
Cllr N Brown (from item 2.)  
Mrs S J Mitcham (Town Clerk)  
Miss A J Schofield (Assistant Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES**

None.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **MINUTES  
RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 be signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record.

4. **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

5. **SCREENING OF CEMETERY SOIL STOCKPILE**

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the soil stockpile at the cemetery be screened with the placement of woven fence panels at a cost of £380. That prior to installation of the fence panels the stockpile and the area around the stockpile be tidied to the satisfaction of the Clerk.

6. **CREATION OF PATH IN THE SCATTERING OF ASHES AREA**

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That a slab path be laid into the Scattering of Ashes area at a budget cost of £650 from the Higham Ferrers Improvement budget. That the type of slab and overall path dimensions be agreed by the Assistant Clerk in consultation with Cllr Reavey.

7. **CHOWNS MILL ROUNDABOUT FELLED OAK TREES**

**RESOLVED:**

That Council support the revised seat plans for Nightingale Way Play Area and agree to the adoption of the 3 individual carved seats offered by Highways England from the Chowns Mill Roundabout felled oak trees.

8. **CLERK'S REPORT**

**Nightingale Way Play Area**

The tree planting was undertaken Friday 18th December. District Councillor R Gell's Empowerment Fund enabled the purchase of the plants. Turneys undertook the planting because Community Payback could not be used as originally planned due to the facilities they required on site as part of their covid operating procedures.

**Dogs Off Lead Area**

Quote to the value of £795 has been received for the installation of a second gate system to the area. The user group who requested the gate have been passed the quote and have advised they are trying to raise the funds.

**RESOLVED:**

That the report from the Clerk be received and noted.

9. **PARISH PATHS WARDEN REPORT**

**RESOLVED:**

That the report from the Parish Paths Warden, Marion Darnell, be received and noted.

10. **ITEMS TO REPORT**

Cllr C P O'Rourke requested an agenda item with regard to cemetery plots. He queried a number of grave plots at the cemetery that had stone chippings and/or wooden edging, both of which are in contravention of the Rules and Regulations. The Clerk will investigate the specific plots and a report will be presented to the next meeting.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

16<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Chairman

Date