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Minutes of the **GENERAL PURPOSES SUB-COMMITTEE** of Buckland Monachorum Parish Council held at **MILTON COMBE VILLAGE HALL** on **MONDAY** the **23rd October 2017** at **7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs L Wood (LW), D Butland (DB), S Britton (SB), S Challiss, S Hustler (SH), L Larkin and M Fowler

In Attendance: Mrs K Johns (Parish Clerk)

256/17 **APOLOGIES** Were received from Cllr Woollacott

257/17 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** None

258/17 Pursuant to Section 1(2) Public Bodies [Admission to Meetings] Act 1960, it was **AGREED** to exclude the public and press due the sensitive nature of the business to be discussed.

259/17 **TO DISCUSS BUCKLAND MONACHORUM GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

Members discussed whether the recent Notice of Dissatisfaction issued by the PC to the Buckland Monachorum grounds maintenance contractor had been complied with.

Following a long discussion, Cllrs took a vote on whether to terminate the contract with immediate effect. 6 members voted for the immediate termination of contract, whilst DB abstained from voting on the matter.

Therefore, it is **RECOMMENDED** to terminate the contract with immediate effect. It is further **RECOMMENDED** that the PC will pay the contractor up to the end of October 2017 (not inclusive of a bonus payment).

It was **AGREED** to re-admit public and press to meeting.

260/17 **CLERK TO REPORT FINDINGS OF ANNUAL PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION REPORT 2017 AND AGREE ANY REQUIRED WORKS** The Clerk reported to members that the Annual Inspection and Risk Assessment of both Crapstone and Buckland Monachorum Play parks have recently been completed by the PC's contractor. No high-risk items have been identified, but there are a number of medium and low risk items which need checking by the PC. It is **RECOMMENDED** that GB will check these items at the November inspection and report back their findings at the next Full Council meeting.

261/17 **TO CONSIDER CURRENT PARISH STREET FURNITURE MATTERS, (TO INCLUDE AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE X2 DOG WASTE BINS)** It was discussed whether to provide a dog waste bin adjacent to Knightstone Tea Rooms. The business has reported that they are having issues with owners leaving dog waste around the car park and in the tearoom's W. C's. The business's owners have also offered to donate 50% towards the cost of a new bin. Cllrs expressed their concern that the bins would become damaged by the ponies on the moor and also, the installation of a bin in what is a moorland landscape would be inappropriate. It is **RECOMMENDED** not to install a dog waste bin in this location.

262/17 The dog waste bin located at Briar Tor in Yelverton has become damaged. LL has looked to see if the bin can be repaired, but thinks it is unlikely. It is **RECOMMENDED** that a new 'Dalek' type bin is purchased to replace the broken one.

263/17 **PARISH ANTI - DOG FOULING CAMPAIGN UPDATE** See item 262/17 above. MF has also issued some spray cans to local residents to help tackle dog fouling problems in the area.

264/17 **PARISH MEADOW** No matters to discuss.

265/17 **CEMETERY**

i) **Interments and memorial work:** None to report

ii) **To agree next steps for a planting scheme in the cemetery extension:** It is **RECOMMENDED** that a

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separate meeting is held in January 2018 specifically to discuss the Green Burial area and planting scheme for the cemetery. The Clerk will organise a couple of speakers on the subject to attend the meeting.

iii) To discuss recommendations made by grave diggers for cemetery extension and remaining area in current cemetery: The PC has received a number of recommendations from its grave diggers, following consultation with them on the layout of the extension. Firstly, they have recommended that a hardstanding be laid in the extension for a skip to be sited for excess soil from interments. Additionally, they have recommended that the proposed Children's burial area is not located at the bottom of the extension, but is located in the unused part of the current cemetery.

Following a discussion, it is **RECOMMENDED** that members look for a suitable site for the location of a skip in the extension and to consider ways it can be shielded.

Additionally, it is **RECOMMENDED** that the unused part of the current cemetery is used as an extension to the existing Garden of Remembrance (for the interment of ashes) and that a separate Children's' burial area is also located here.

iv) To discuss requirements to implement the trial green burials area: See item ii) above

v) To discuss the shoring up of graves and any equipment required: It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Clerk investigate the different types of shoring up systems and to obtain some costings for the next GP meeting.

vi) Update on treatment of Ants in cemetery: It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Clerk contact Rentokil to organise a meeting with them and LL & MF to discuss treatment by the company of the ants. If the Cllrs are satisfied with the treatment proposed by the Company, it will sign a contract with them to exterminate the ant colonies.

266/17 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Tender process for new BM contractor
Green burials
Yew tree planting
Treatment of ants' nests in cemetery
Elect a new Chairperson of the GP Committee

267/17 DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Meetings will be organised in December 2017 and January 2018 (dates and venues tbc).

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.