

The **Minutes** of the meeting of the **General Purposes Committee** of **Upchurch Parish Council** held remotely on **20th January 2021**

Present: Cllr Tyrone Ripley (Chairman), Cllr Pam Denny, Cllr Gerry Lewin and Cllr Gary Rosewell; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

Cllr Ripley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

80. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr John Arnold, Cllr Janet Marshall and Cllr Peter Masson; apologies accepted.

81. Declarations of Interests

None were declared.

Public Time

No members of the public were present

82. Paddock and Recreation Ground

Cllr Ripley reported that the Recreation Ground fencing has been completed and is looking first class, the mesh has also been added. The climbing frame handgrips and the basket swing links have been replaced.

Cllr Denny reported that she had checked the play area and that the contractor has done a good job.

83. Allotments

There was nothing to report.

84. Burial Ground and Churchyard

i. Burial Ground bins

Cllr Ripley said that it had been raised at Full Council that the lids on the compost bin have broken. Also, the rubbish bins behind the compost bins are inaccessible.

Cllr Denny reported that she had fixed the lids on the compost bins which are nearly full. If the other bins could stand on the same level and could be labelled it would help people to put the rubbish in the correct bins. This would mean the area would need digging out and stones put down. This would encourage people visiting the Burial Ground to recycle waste rather than put it in the compost bins.

ACTION: Clerk to ask Village Caretaker if the wheelie bins are put out for collection.

iii. Closed churchyard

Cllr Lewin said that Swale Borough Council has asked for a survey and details of maintenance costs over the past ten years so Councillors can consider the request for the Borough Council to take over responsibility of the closed churchyard.

85. Highways and Street lighting

There was nothing to report.

86. Footpaths

There was nothing to report.

87. Environment

Cllr Denny informed Members that she had reported the flooding on the corner by Church Farm Road and KCC Highways has been out and marked the footway. There has been hedge cutting near 116 Oak Lane and the Golf Course side of Wallbridge Lane.

Cllr Lewin said that there has been a lot of hedge cutting in the village and a lot of the detritus has not been swept away, in particular by the bridge. If the detritus is not cleared KCC Highways will need to be informed.

88. Any other matter arising

No other matters were raised.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 17th February 2021 at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.47pm