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Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on 19th March 2024 commencing at 10.30am, in the Town Council Office, Lady Street, Dulverton.

Present: Chairman: Cllr. Mrs Christine Dubery. Cllrs: Mr Alan Ottey; Mrs Louise Parrish and Mrs Allison Crisp.

Deferment of Business for comment by the public. None

Apologies: Mr John Preston.

Declarations of Interests: None that are not already declared.

Chairman's Comments & Meeting Management: None

Matters Arising:

All Saints Church School House Boundary Wall:
Mr David Kitching, Managing Director of 'Stress', has been chased by the Clerk for possible solutions.

Barnsclose – South West Water Works (SWW):
There exists a covenant to maintain the site as a children's' playing field.
Site meeting to be held this afternoon at 12.00 with representatives from SWW.
Issues of concern to be raised:
1) Size of vehicles which will use the track? & for what purposes?
2) How often will large vehicles use the access road?
3) Require comprehensive plans and proposals which will retain the existing size of the recreation grounds and provide all the current play equipment.
4) What safety measures will be put in place to protect the public?
5) Will the access road be locked/restricted?
6) Confirmation that local residents will be fully consulted.
7) That all legal costs will be covered by SWW.
8) The site will be reinstated and fully maintained.

Members acknowledge that the wet weather has hampered the ongoing works.

Grounds Men – Annual Contracts & Job Specifications.
After lengthy discussion several proposals were put forward with regards the maintenance of the churchyard and the cemetery and how the work is to be assigned. Clerk to liaise with the groundsmen accordingly.

Play Equipment – Annual Inspection Report – Dec 23.
There is nothing that requires urgent action at present. Deferred until the meeting.

Reports from Members as follows:

Cemetery: Cllr. Mrs Louise Parish
The cemetery is looking well maintained. There only exist two outstanding plots to be levelled and there are no artificial /plastic ornaments or flowers remaining.

Church Yard: Cllr. Mrs Louise Parrish / Parish Lengthsman:
Mr Charlton, a local resident has raised concern about shrubs over the west wall bordering his garden. Steve Adams is to be asked to look at the small section of the wall and advise as to what action should be taken.
Hi- Line to undertake tree work in September 2024.

Sports Field: Cllr. Mrs Christine Dubery
Mr Takel to report on the condition of the land following the removal of a Leylandii hedge near the tennis courts.

Barnsclose: Cllr. Mr Alan Ottey
Nothing to report.

Kings Corner: Cllr. Mr John Preston
The shelter requires cleaning as do the benches.

Exmoor Lawns: Cllr. Mrs Louise Parrish
Nothing to report.

Abbots Way/ Abbots Way Pond: Cllr. Allan Ottey
There is a problem with oxygenating weed, which is to be dealt with in the near future using a digger and dumper truck.

Pound Walk: Cllr. Mrs Christine Dubery
The Highways Steward has been asked to clear the path.

Lorna Doone Roundabout & Grass Cutting: Cllr. Mrs Louise Parrish
Nothing to report.

Urgent maintenance issues with regards all other grounds with permission of the Chairman:
None

Chairman……