

**Minutes of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee Meeting
held on Monday 6th February 2023 at 6.00pm at The Beechfield
Centre, Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs S Adams (Chairman), C Connell, S Haywood, and M Scott
Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer

2302/01 **Apologies for Absence**
None.

2302/02 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Haywood declared a Personal Interest in item 2302/05 as one of the requestors is known to her.

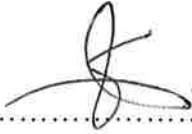
2302/03 **Public Participation Period**
None.

2302/04 **Minutes**
It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th December 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

2302/05 **Griggs Field**
Cllrs Adams and Connell had attended a site visit with the residents along with their appointed tree surgeon and the Maintenance and Amenities Operative following the request to undertake works to the trees bordering Griggs Garden, residents had asked to have the trees adjacent to their property professionally managed with a reduction in height of up to 10 feet. Following the site visit members still had concerns about the reduction in height proposed and the precedence the works would set, it was noted that the request was for cosmetic gain, it was noted that the trees included an Oak, Willow, Elm and Ash (which appeared healthy).

Members considered the advice from the survey the Parish Council had carried out by its tree surgeon that the hedge would benefit from a yearly trim and it was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to refuse the request from the residents to carry out works to the trees and to undertake a maintenance trim on the hedge with only absolutely necessary works being undertaken.

The meeting closed at 6.17pm.

Signed:  Dated: 03/04/23