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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 10th March 2024

ATTENDED BY: Mr I. Hornsey; Mr G. Arnott; Mr J. Smurthwaite; Ms G. Clifford; Mr P. Hutchinson; Mr. J. Hornsey.

APOLOGIES: Mrs J. Palmer; Mr S. Palmer; Mr P. Larcombe

- 1. Minutes of previous meeting approved any matters below. Minutes to be published.
- 2. Correspondence. From Council re banking situation etc. Explanation accepted.
- 3. Finances Monies as in the bank.

4. Business

- 4.1 Entrance car park. The Council has been contacted and has given advice, contractors can now be contacted to explore the work and provide estimates. (Action: I. Hornsey).
- 4.2 Interior car park by container. Work to clear rubbish from the embankment adjacent to the metro lines and construct a fence, will be undertaken. Estimates required from contractors. (Action: I. Hornsey).
- 4.3 Roads and verges. Pot-holes will be repaired on site roads and chippings acquired to allow any repairs to verges. (Action: I. Hornsey)
- 4.4 Fly tipping. Plot-holders should be encouraged to close site gates to discourage flytipping, as the Council has requested. (Action: All) Potential CCTV solutions outlined. Agree recommendation and costs now needed (Action: J. Hornsey)
- 4.5 **Unworked gardens**. Calls and letters actioned, follow up calls to be made. Mr S Palmer will now be responsible for this function, but will be informed of known medical extenuating circumstances by the Secretary. (Action: I. Hornsey)
- 4.6 **Banking.** The bank is working on opening the new account, but is waiting for a letter from the Council. Contractor site work outlined above can proceed once an active bank account is restored. **(Action: I. Hornsey)**.

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- 4.7 **Resignation from Committee**. Graeme Arnott is standing down from the Committee due to health/personal/domestic reasons. He will continue to support the Committee as before.
- 4.8 Signs. All signs have been received and now need to be erected. (Action: I. Hornsey)

Date of Next Meeting: March 23rd 2024