



**c) Jubilee Project** – The Clerk reported that it had not been possible to obtain quotes to produce the Jubilee monument as after speaking to different wood carvers they were of the opinion that the design would not be suitable to incorporate into the existing tree stump in the Square. The design was intricate and would be of high cost to produce and the stump itself would rot also it may be subject to vandalism if outside. There was a discussion on this subject and Cllr Ellis advised that he had previously suggested a contractor that would have made the monument in granite and donated it to the Council but that this was not progressed at the time. The Clerk suggested that the monument could be made to a size that would fit within the bay window space in the Town Hall thus removing the vandalism risk and hopefully making it more affordable to produce. She suggested that the base (diamond) be in toughened glass and the cider press could then be hand carved

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk obtain quotations to produce the monument to sit in the bay window as discussed and report back to members in due course

**e) Closed churchyard** – Cllr Ellis advised that there had not been any progress on this project as the College students were busy but he raised concerns regarding the recent vandalism of the churchyard wall. The Clerk confirmed that she had the quotes for the wall repair and that these would be considered at the next full council meeting

**f) Woodland Trust – Community tree packs** – The offer of tree packs was considered and it was noted these trees would be very small and may be subject to vandalism. The Clerk also asked members to consider the time involved in planting the trees and confirmed she had recently spoken to Mr Thomas, the tree surgeon regarding the future planting of trees within the council sites.

**RESOLVED** that a tree pack of 105 trees would be requested and that Mr Thomas be contacted to advise on appropriate planting sites once the trees were received

**g) Budget 2016/17** – The Clerk confirmed she had met with the Head Groundsman to identify items for budget consideration and had a list of machinery with costs required. The purchase of a new lawn mower was discussed at some length and the Clerk was asked to obtain a repair costing for the existing mower.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk seek a repair quote for the Ransome mower and also include a budget for the purchase of Decoy Common; figures to be considered within future budget discussions by members

**h) Any other matters** –

**Bench** – The Clerk confirmed she had received a letter from a resident offering £200 donation for a memorial bench to be placed in the cemetery.

**RESOLVED** to accept the donation of £200 for a bench to be installed in the cemetery and the Clerk to seek quotations for an appropriate bench

**Fruit trees** – The Clerk reported that Cllr Crouch had provided quotes for fruit trees and advised that she had previously discussed the siting of the trees with Mr Thomas.

Cllr Crouch offered to collect the trees if he could use the council's van

**RESOLVED** to accept the quote for the fruit trees and that Cllr Crouch use the van to collect the trees and liaise with Mr Thomas and the Groundsman regarding the planting of same

**Bus shelter** – Cllr S Taylor offered to paint out the graffiti in the bus shelter and asked the Clerk to find out if any of the original paint was left over for this task

The meeting closed at 6pm