



**Minutes of the Grounds Maintenance Committee Meeting held electronically at 7.15pm
on Thursday 7th January 2021**

Present: Cllrs G Broadhead (Chair), J Bond, S Glover, and W Mills

1. **Public Speaking Time** – no members of the public were in attendance.
2. **Apologies for Absence** – no apologies for absence were received.
3. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** – none were received.
4. **Grounds Maintenance Contract 2021/22** – the tenders received to carry out grounds maintenance works relating to highways, Earls Barton Cemetery, Garden of Rest – cemetery, pocket parks, war memorial, Pioneer and Grange Sports Fields, the Recreation Field, allotments and bins were discussed. It was resolved to make a recommendation to the full Parish Council meeting that the contract for highway mowing, Recreation Field, Pioneer and Grange Sports Fields, Cemetery and bins be awarded to Wellingborough Norse for the financial years 2021/22 to 2023/24, and the contract for war memorial, pocket parks and Garden of Rest be awarded to Greener Grave Care for the financial years 2021/22 to 2023/24. It was resolved that a break-clause be included in the contract that the contract will be terminated should there be any structural company changes with the contractor that would affect the contract with EBPC or the quality of work received.
5. **Treework Contract 2021/22** – the quotes received to carry out treework for the financial year 2021/22 were discussed. It was resolved to make a recommendation to the full Parish Council that the contract be awarded to Thompson Tree (Northants) Ltd.