



SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee

Minutes of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8LY on Tuesday, 11 July 2017 commencing at 7:00pm.

Members Present:

Councillor Cook

Councillor Kirton (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Proctor

Councillor Hall (Chair)

Councillor Loader

Absent:

Councillor Jackson

Officers Present:

Claire Commons, Town Clerk

Andy Dodd, Head Groundsman

In Attendance:

2 members of the public

MINUTES

Public Participation

Members of the public were invited to make representations to the Council on any matters relating to the work of the Council or to raise any issues of concern. The following matters were raised;

- Brionne Garden – volunteers identified to look after Brionne Garden
- Bee Hotels – Bee hotels available to put up if anyone can recommend recipients.

R13 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Jackson due to work commitments.

R14 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

All members were invited to declare any interests throughout the meeting if the need arose. There were no declarations made.

R15 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 06 June 2017 and the minutes were duly signed.

R16 Hawkesdene Lane

Officer report 0717ROSE04 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to remove the bench at Hawkesdene Lane to re-site at Wincombe Recreation Ground.

R17 Glyphosates

Officer report 0717ROSE05 was received and the Head Groundsman provided a verbal report. It was **RESOLVED** to delegate to the head groundsman to trial the use of Chikara as a weed control measure in the spring.

R18 Play Inspections

Officer report 0717ROSE06 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to carry out all identified repairs to the skatepark to the highest specification. It was **AGREED** that overspend on repairs would be balanced by an underspend of the planting budget and overall expenditure for grounds would remain within budget. (*Financial Implication - £4,990 Repairs and Maintenance and Sub Contract Labour*).

R19 Swimming Pool

Officer report 0717ROSE07 was received and noted and thanks extended to the Pool Manager and his team.

R20 Mampitts Community Land

Officer report 0717ROSE08 was received and noted. It was **RESOLVED** to push out the deadline for consultation, that the Chair and Vice Chair would look at a project timeline and Councillor Cook would compile the data as it was received.

R21 Officer Report

Officer report 0717ROSE09 was received and noted. Thanks were extended to the Grounds Team for the high standard of work undertaken. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the priority of 'Tidy Town' in the strategic plan be set to 'low' for the Council's activity but remain a focus in each aspect of work undertaken.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.15pm.

Signed

Date