



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, 19 September 2017 commencing at 7:00pm.

Members Present

Councillor Cook
Councillor Jackson
Councillor Loader

Councillor Hall (Chair)
Councillor Kirton (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Proctor

Absent:

None

Officers Present:

Claire Commons, Town Clerk

In Attendance:

5 members of the public
1 member of the press

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;

- Castle Hill – Shaftesbury Open Spaces Group raised concerns about the lack of consistent management of Castle Hill, particularly the mound, and that it didn't appear to be in line with the management plan.
- The Knapp – Shaftesbury Open Spaces Group supported the idea of the area being cared for by the community.
- Cycle Speedway – Shaftesbury Open Spaces Group supported the proposal from the Rotary for the speedway track at Wincombe Recreation Ground.
- Strategic Plan – seeking confirmation that the grounds team had input into the 5 year plan.

R22 Apologies

There were no members of the committee absent.

R23 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

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

R24 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 11 July 2017 and the minutes were duly signed.

R25 Committee Budget

Officer report 0917ROSE4 was received and it was **RECOMMENDED** that;

R25a Street Markets – Maintain at current rental

R25b Allotments – Increase in line with repairs, maintenance and water costs only.

R25c Hall Hire – Review different hiring models

R25d Weddings – Maintain at current rates

R25e Cemetery – No increase for 2018/19 provided the service is not costing the Council, note likely increase for the following year.

R25f Play Design – additional budget line to commission play area designs

R25g Consultation Engagement – additional budget line for consultation and engagement activities

R26 Wincombe Recreation Ground

Officer report 0917ROSE5 was received. It was **RESOLVED** to refuse the correspondent's request to remove the identified branch as there was no evidence of anti-social behaviour. The Committee was keen to encourage children and young people to play in the park and it was further asked that the grounds team consider any other felled or pruned branches of suitable size that might be placed in any of the Council's play and recreation areas for enhanced play value. It was **AGREED** to write to the correspondent advising the outcome of the Committee's decision and encourage them to report any incidents of anti-social or illegal activity to the police.

R27 The Knapp

Officer report 0917ROSE6 was received. The residents were congratulated on their community approach but **AGREED** that as the Council was not the land owner, it had no power to provide authority or support for the use of the land as a community area.

R28 Bowling Club

Officer report 0917ROSE7 was received. It was **RESOLVED** to obtain further information regarding liability for fuel leaks, provision of any parking restriction to prevent use by the general public and the views of North Dorset District Council in respect of the loss of two parking places.

R29 Playground Inspection

It was **RESOLVED** that officers manage the outcomes of the playground inspection report within the established delegated authority.

R30 Strategic Plan

Officer report 0917ROSE9 was received and noted.

R31 Officer Report

Officer report 0917ROSE10 was received and noted. It was **RESOLVED** to include the following items for the next meeting of the committee in addition to those already identified in the report;

R31a Relocating the gym equipment contained within the young play area at Wincombe Recreation Ground.

R31b Electric Vehicle Charging points

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.41pm.

Signed

Date

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