



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, 28 November 2017 commencing at 7:00pm.

Members Present

Councillor Hall (Chairman)
Councillor Loader

Councillor Kirton
Councillor Cook

Absent:

Councillors Proctor and Jackson for conflicting engagements.
Councillor Taylor was absent.

Officers Present:

Claire Commons, Town Clerk
Zoe Moxham, Officer Administrator
Andrew Flitcroft, Groundsman

In Attendance:

4 members of the public
(Representatives from the Bowling Club, Bee Friendly and Shaftesbury Open Spaces Group).
1 member of the press
Councillors Austin

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;

- Local plan review – Unhappy about the infill areas, would like to look at protected areas, slopes, aesthetics and habitats
- Neighbourhood plan – disappointed at lack of progress with the Neighbourhood Plan
- The Bowling Club were invited to speak at that point in the meeting

R38 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Jackson and Proctor due to conflicting engagements.

R39 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

All members were invited to declare any interests throughout the meeting if the need arose. Councillor Cook declared an interest at item 10 as it related to the Snowdrop group that he a representative of.

R40 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 24 October 2017 and the minutes were duly signed.

R41 Order of Business

It was **RESOLVED** to discuss items 10 Bee Friendly, 11 Bowling Club and 7 Saltex Show as the next items of business, in that order to allow members of the public to leave after the items that interest them.

R42 Bee Friendly

R42a Officer report 1117ROSE10 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to support the recommendation of spending a total of £1000 from the Tesco's bags of help scheme. £700 to be allocated to purchase Bee Hotels and £300 to be allocated for training on how to maintain and run Bee hotels.

R42b It was reported that a workshop will be organised in October 2018 for training sessions on becoming Bee Friendly. Involvement from other local organisations such as Schools and the Open Spaces group will be encouraged to work collaboratively on the project.

R43 Bowling Club

R43a Officer report 1117ROSE11 was received and the following was **RESOLVED**;

R43b To support the request for parking at the rear of the Bowling Club.

R43c To recommended at the next General Management Meeting adding to the current Bowling Club lease agreement to include the extra land for the carpark.

R43d To recommend at the next General Management Meeting that Shaftesbury Town Council submit the planning application on behalf of the bowling club to negate planning application fees.

R43e It was also noted that there is S106 funds remaining for Barton Hill, an application for these funds is being considered by the Bowling Club.

R44 Saltex Report

R44a Officer report 1117ROSE07 was received and noted.

R44b It was also noted that the entrance to Castle Hill at the western end is becoming impassable with a vehicle and needs scalplings or similar being laid. This will be discussed with Castle Hill working party.

R45 Strategic Plan

R45a Officer report 1117ROSE04 was received and the relevant elements of the Strategic Plan were reviewed in readiness for the Strategic Plan Workshop to be held on the 5th December 2017. It was noted that Street Cleansing did not need to be a separate Item but rather under the 'umbrella' heading of Tidy Town. It was **RESOLVED** to add Jubilee steps improvements into the Strategic Plans.

R46 A30 Allotments

R46a Officer report 1117ROSE05 was received and the Council **RESOLVED** the tender specification outlined in the report with an amendment to tender for pavement as well as footpath for choice for the creation of carpark, footpath, fencing and water at the A30 Allotments.

R46b It was noted that more detailed plans relating to planting wild borders, sheds and the possibility of compost toilets will be discussed at a later point.

R47 St James Footpath

R47a Officer report 1117ROSE06 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to award the contract to Kingsbere to create a footpath at St James' Park from the entrance to the bottom of Jubilee Steps. (*Financial Implication £6,990 – Jubilee Path*)

R47b It was **RESOLVED** that the work would be commissioned to ensure it didn't impact on the Snowdrop Festival.

R48 Grass Art

R48a Officer report 1117ROSE08 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to purchase a lawnmower at the recommendation of the groundsmen and to start a plan to create Grass Art to potentially generate more visitors to Shaftesbury. (*Financial Implication £85, Grounds Equipment*)

R49 Balcony Planters

R49a Officer report 1117ROSE09 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to purchase 4 balcony planters up to the cost of £437. (*Financial Implication £437, Repairs and Maintenance*)

R50 Officer Report

R50a Officer report 1117ROSE12 was received and noted.

R50b Correspondence requesting permission to Coppice a hedge between Wincombe Recreation Ground and Thomas Hardy Drive was received and it

was **AGREED** to carry out a site visit and defer decision until the next meeting of the Committee to be held on 9th January 2018.

R50c Correspondence was received requesting the removal of the chain-link fence that borders 32 Nettlecombe, it was **AGREED** to write to Persimmon and request permission for Shaftesbury Groundsmen to remove it.

R50d It was **AGREED** that the officers at Shaftesbury Town Hall will take over management of the Mampitts Community Land Facebook page and integrate it with the Shaftesbury Town Council Facebook page.

R50e It was **AGREED** that the Castle Hill Working Group include the recommendations from the Rangers in their plans for Castle Hill.

R50f It was **AGREED** that the plants behind the Muga at Barton Hill will be moved to the perimeter fencing of Enmore Green Planning Field.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

Signed

Date