



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, 09 January 2018 commencing at 7:32pm.

Members Present

Councillor Hall (Chairman)
Councillor Loader

Councillor Kirton

Absent:

Councillor Proctor due to a conflicting engagement.
Councillor Cook due to family commitments.
Councillor Jackson due to work commitments.

Officers Present:

Claire Commons, Town Clerk
Zoe Moxham, Officer Administrator
Brie Logan, Business Manager

In Attendance:

4 members of the public
(Representatives from the Open Spaces group, Hill Top Litter Pickers and Shaftesbury Rotary Club).
Councillor Lewer

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;

- Cycle Speedway- Representatives from the Open Spaces group reported with that the current plans for the Cycle Speedway will fit in the Wincombe recreation ground and would not be detrimental from their point of view.
- Trinity service level agreement- The Open Spaces group support the agreement. However, it was noted that care needs to be taken when strimming around the Lime trees as damage has been caused. It was suggested that tree guards are used on the trunks.

- Litter- Concern was expressed regarding the area in Tesco's behind the recycling area. It is regularly being used as an area to fly tip despite being cleared by the Hill Top Litter Pickers. It was suggested that the Council opens discussions with Tesco to get the area cleared and prevent it happening in the future.

R38 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Proctor due to a conflicting engagement, Councillor Cook due to family commitments and Councillor Jackson due to work commitments.

R39 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

All members were invited to declare any interests throughout the meeting if the need arose.

R40 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 28 November 2017 and the minutes were duly signed.

R41 Trinity Churchyard SLA

R41a Officer report 0118ROSE4 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to continue with the service level agreement for maintaining Trinity Churchyard excluding litter-picking.

R42 Finger Posts

R42a Officer report 0118ROSE5 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to include 'Fingerposts' in to the Strategic Plan project for tourism and protecting the town's heritage.

R42b It was noted that the ROSE committee be responsible for fingerposts relating to tourism and Planning and Highways Committee would be responsible for fingerposts relating to highways.

R42c It was suggested that the Heritage Lottery bid could help finance the project.

R43 Dog Waste Consultation

R43a Officer report 0118ROSE6 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to delegate providing the response to the Administration Officer in consultation with the Chair.

R44 Collaborative Working – Grant in Kind

R44a Officer report 0118ROSE7 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the request to dispose of the Christmas Trees.

R45 Officer Report

R45a Officer report 0118ROSE8 was received and noted.

R45b Correspondence was received requesting permission to coppice a hedge between Thomas Hardy Drive and Wincombe Recreation Ground. It was **RESOLVED** to deny the request for the following reasons; The hedge creates a natural screen between the urban area and the park area, it creates a natural playground that is frequently used by children, it creates a noise barrier between the recreations ground and the houses.

R45c Correspondence was received regarding the area at Tesco behind the recycling area regularly being used as an area to fly tip. It was **AGREED** that the Council would contact Tesco and Dorset Highways to get the area cleared and discuss ways of preventing litter again such as planting more hedges and a sign.

R46 Cycle Speedway

R46a A report was received regarding the Cycle Speedway, it was **RESOLVED** to progress the project to Full Council to agree to the Heads of Terms in order to draw up a draft lease.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.02pm.

Signed

Date

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