



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, 13 February 2018 commencing at 7:32pm.

Members Present

Councillor Hall (Chairman)
Councillor Loader

Councillor Kirton
Councillor Proctor

Absent:

Councillor Cook due to personal commitments.
Councillor Jackson due to personal commitments.

Officers Present:

Claire Commons, Town Clerk
Zoe Moxham, Officer Administrator
Andy Dodd, Head Groundsman

In Attendance

1 member of the press
3 members of the public
(Representatives from the Open Spaces group and Berwick Forge)
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;

- Beech Trees- It was noted that comments would be made regarding the beech trees along Christy's Lane when Item 8 was discussed.

R47 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Cook and Jackson due to personal commitments.

R48 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

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

R49 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 09 January 2018 and the minutes were duly signed.

R50 Jubilee Railings

R50a Officer report 0218ROSE4 was received and it was **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Clerk, Councillors Hall and Proctor and a representative from Shaftesbury Open Spaces group prepare a detailed design specification for prices to be brought back to the Council.

R51 Officer Report

R51a Officer report 0218ROSE5 was received and noted.

R51b Correspondence was received from a resident who raised five points to note, it was delegated to the officer to respond.

R51c Correspondence was received with a request for permission for Shaftesbury Abbey Primary School to hold a boot sale on Park Walk the weekend of 28th and 29th of April. It was **RESOLVED** to grant permission providing that the rules set out for use of Park Walk were abided by.

R51d An update from the head groundsman was received and noted.

R51e Jubilee Path – It was **AGREED** that the specifications of for the work to be carried out on Jubilee Path be looked at to check the gradient of the hill and decide whether there would be a need for railings to be installed.

R51f Enmore Green planting – It was **SUGGESTED** that a Beech or Privet hedge would be more suitable for planting at this location.

R51g Mampitts Square – It was **AGREED** to ask Persimmon Homes what the timeline is for this project and arrange to meet with the Chairman of the Mampitts Residential Society.

R51h Park Walk Shelter – Repairs to the shelter have been carried out and it was **SUGGESTED** that new mosaics from the original artist be sourced.

R52 Inflatable Hire Motcombe Park

R52a Officer report 0218ROSE6 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to prepare a hire agreement for the pool inflatable when the Shaftesbury Pool is closed.

R53 Castle Hill

R53a An update was received and noted relating to the Castle Hill working group.

R54 Tree Works – Christy's Lane and Bury Litton

R54a Officer report 0213ROSE8 was received and noted. It was **RESOLVED** to make the following application for tree works as part of the program for management for the churchyard.

- T1- Willow- pollard goat willow in north eastern part of site to a height of 15-20 feet- works to permit more light to the northern most yew. Maintain pollard on three yearly cycle- (Charlotte is happy to consider a 6 year consent for this which will permit 2x cycles. This will just need to be noted on the application form).
- T2- Hazel- Coppice young hazel to the south west of northern most yew
- G1- Mix Species- Coppice young self-seeded growth (hazel, sycamore etc.) situated on the upper bank of the southernmost boundary to permit views across the vale from churchyard
- T3-Sycamore- Remove damaged secondary limb on southern side of the canopy from mature sycamore situated on southern boundary of the site (abrasion damage)
- T4- Holly- Maintain 1m clearance between holly and understorey of southern most yew
- T5 Laurel hedges: reduce the height of the hedge on the west boundary by 1 - 2m, and by 1m on the east side along the road.
- Clear understorey growth to enable non-invasive survey of historic church footings- A section 211 notification is not required for this.

R55 Purchase of Trailer

R55a Officer report 0218ROSE9 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to purchase an Ifor Williams GH94 Plant Trailer from McLeans (*Financial Implication: £1750.00 Grounds Vehicles*).

R56 Planting Bulbs

R56a Officer Report 0218Rose10 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to grant retrospective permission for the memorial on Pine Walk and to advise which plants are native to the area requesting that only these be planted in future.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.46pm.

Signed

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