



SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**RECREATION, OPEN SPACES AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of a meeting of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8LY on Tuesday 16th September 2014 commencing at 7:00pm.

Members Present:

Cllr K Tippins (Chair)
Cllr S Clinch
Cllr M Madgwick
Cllr R Tippins

Cllr M Hicks (Vice-Chair)
Cllr W Harvey
Cllr S Pritchard

Officers Present:

Richard Chapman Interim Town Clerk
Claire Commons Acting Committee Services Officer

In Attendance:

3 Members of the public

MINUTES

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public were invited to make representations to the committee on any matters relating to the work of the committee or to raise any issues of concern. (Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960). The following matters were raised:

- Ground Cover proposals for St James Park. The area being proposed for ground cover was clarified by the Town Clerk.
- Tree Applications. It was clarified that the District Council was the determining authority for tree applications and its responsibility to check the details of the applications.
- Snowdrops. An update was given from Shaftesbury Snowdrops and reported that the National Snowdrop event would be coming to Shaftesbury in 2015 for the second year running. It was reported that Chamber of Commerce had noticed a rise in footfall during the snowdrop season showing its benefit for the town.

01. Election of Chairman

- 1.1 It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr K Tippins be elected chairman of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee.
- 1.2 It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr M Hicks be elected vice-chairman of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee.

02. Apologies

There were none.

03. Declaration of Interests

Members and staff were reminded of their duty to declare any known interests in any matter to be considered. There were none declared.

04. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman had no matters to report.

05. Tree Applications

5.1 It was **RESOLVED** to delegate responsibility for observation on the following tree applications to the chair and vice-chair of the committee:

2748/TPO/SLS/14 47 St James Street
2754/CA/SLS/14 8 Kingsman Lane

5.2 It was **RESOLVED** to receive the delegated observations on the following tree applications:

2698/CA/SLS/14 5 Castle Gardens
2701/CA/SLS/14 52 Salisbury Street
2722/CA/SLS/14 2 White Hart Lane

06. Budget Considerations

The Town Clerk's report 0914/ROSE/06 was received and noted. It was **RESOLVED** that the priority for removal of derelict huts at Barton Hill be raised to 'high' and that the addition to the Public Convenience renovation fund be increased to £22,000. It was **RECOMMENDED** that £87,000 be requested for the Committee's budget for 2015/16.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members and public for attendance and closed the meeting at 8:00pm.