

**SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL****Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee**

Minutes of a meeting of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, High Street, Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8LY on Tuesday 13th October 2015 commencing at 7:00pm.

Members Present:

Councillor K Tippins (Chair)	Councillor Francis
Councillor Hall (for part of the meeting)	Councillor Taylor
Councillor R Tippins (for part of the meeting)	Councillor Todd

Absent:

There were no members absent.

Officers Present:

Claire Commons, Committee Services Officer

In Attendance:

Cllr P Proctor
Eight members of the public

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;

- Holyrood Farm. Interested in the item as neighbours but not sure the extent of what to comment on. It was agreed to invite members of the public to speak at that point in the agenda.
- Found problem with the water main and limescale in kitchen downstairs.
- St John's Churchyard. Could receive a grant for one of the tree from NDDC. At the entrance to the Churchyard, large stones just balanced and needs Groundstaff attention as deemed unsafe.

R35 Apologies

Received from Cllr Hall for late arrival.

R36 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

No declarations of interest or dispensations had been received. All members were invited to declare any interests throughout the meeting if the need arose.

R37 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2015 as a correct record and they were duly signed.

R38 Vice-Chairman

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Francis as Vice-Chairman of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee. It was noted that by virtue of holding this position, they would also hold a position on the General Management Committee.

R39 Chairman's Announcements

Carnival – The Chairman reported that it was a fantastic event, thanks were extended to Mr and Mrs Humphries for their work towards it.

Maltings – It was noted that the play area space was being measured up and anticipated to start later in the month.

Countess of Wessex Visit – Thanks were extended to the Grounds team for their work in making the town ready and in particular the Rose Gardens.

Benches – It was noted that the town had in excess of 100 benches and these were in the process of being refurbished.

R40 Tree Applications

Officer Report 1015ROSE06 was received. The Committee noted the first four applications and **RESOLVED** to submit the following observations on the remaining applications to North Dorset District Council:

Reference	Address	Detail
2/2015/1394/CATREE	3 Yeatmans Lane Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8LR	T1 - Goat Willow - Fell, as of no great aesthetic value. See comments supplied with application form.
2/2015/1366/CATREE	Long House 23A Bimport Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8AX	T1 - Magnolia - Reduce crown by 1-2m. T2 - Japanese Maple - Reduce crown by approx. 1m.

Reference	Address	Detail
2/2015/1339/CATREE	3 Well Lane Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8LP	T1 - Holly - Fell as too close to house causing excessive shading and of low amenity value. T2 - Holly - Fell as low amenity value and location inappropriate within garden. T3 - Fir - Fell as too close to neighbouring property and will undermine structural integrity of walls, excessive shading and of low amenity value. Will grow to become too large for current size of garden and dominates rest of the garden design.
2/2015/1342/CATREE	Spillers House 25 Old Boundary Road Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8EP	T1 - Maple - Reduce tree to previously reduced points for general maintenance - approx 3-4m. T2 - Ash - Reduce tree to previously reduced points for general maintenance - approx 2-3m.
2/2015/1432/CATREE	The Coach House 28 Breach Lane Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8LF	T1 - Sugar Maple - Crown reduction by 3m
Committee Observation: Objection as there was no known reason for the identified works, the tree was an attractive tree visible from Breach Lane and Umbers Hill.		

Cllr George Hall arrives.

2/2015/1413/CATREE	Greystones Breach Lane Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8LF	G1 - Lawson Cypress - Crown reduction by 3.5m
Committee Observation: No Objection		
2/2015/1434/CATREE	50 Layton Lane Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8EY	L1 - Laurels - Cut back level to wall and reduce height to 5ft
Committee Observation: No objection		

Reference	Address	Detail
2/2015/1490/TPTREE	Cedars Nursing Home Angel Lane Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8DF	T1 - Yew - Reduce all over by up to 1.5m, Crown Raise to 3m above ground level
Committee Observation: The Committee had reservations of the work but returned no objection.		
2/2015/1471/CATREE	19 Layton Lane Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8EY	T1 - Ash - Remove 2 lower branches of the tree that are pulling away from the canopy and putting pressure on the main tree. This work should reduce the stress on the tree and so protect it.
Committee Observation: No objection		
2/2015/1437/CATREE	1 Frenchmill Lane, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 8EU	T1 – Yew – Fell T2 – Katsura – Crown reduce by 4m (20%) and crown thin by 15% Work carried out for Tree Management
Committee Observation: It was agreed to delegate response to the application to the officer in consultation with the chair and tree group		

R41 Water Bowser / Pillow

Officer Report 1015ROSE07 was received. It was **RESOLVED** to delegate to the Head Groundsman the purchase of a suitable water carrier and required accessories within a budget of £1,000 (*Budget provision - £1,000 Grounds Equipment Budget*)

Tree Request from Shaftesbury Open Spaces Group. At the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee meeting held on 7th July 2015 it was resolved to delegate to the Clerk to release £1,500 for tree planting in consultation with Shaftesbury open Spaces and Shaftesbury Tree Group.

A list had been provided for the members' consideration and it was agreed to support the request to the Clerk for provision of the trees as mentioned in the report. The total value for the tree purchase in the report is estimated to be £700.

R42 Holyrood Farm

The Chairman updated the Committee on consideration by a farmer to use a 2 acre field as a campsite during lambing and summer season only.

It was noted that the area was accessible by road and surrounded by hedges and trees and reported that the proposal was for tents only right next to the hedges and trees so as not to obstruct the view from Park Walk.

The proposed campsite is $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from any houses in St James.

The next step is for the farmer to obtain planning permission from North Dorset regarding change of use of agricultural land. .

R43 Pre-war Minor Network Rally

The Officer's Report 1015ROSE08 was received. It was **RESOLVED** to grant the request for use of Park Walk for the Pre-war Minor Network Rally on 5th June 2016.

R44 Brionne Garden

Officer Report 1015ROSE09 was received. It was considered that further thought was required to the appropriate solution and the item would be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

R45 Swimming Pool

Officer Report 1015ROSE10 was received and noted. It was **RESOLVED** to support the £25,000 agreed subsidy according the Full Council resolution. In 2015/16 the Swimming Pool subsidy was administered from the Precept Budget Heading of Grants, this may be treated differently in 2016/17. It was **AGREED** to consider purchase of a giant inflatable and swimming pool blanket with a further report to be considered at the next meeting of the Committee. It was **AGREED** to investigate provision of solar panels and the deadline of the end of the year was noted and agreed to bring back to the Council as a matter of urgency.

R46 Enmore Green

Officer report 1015ROSE11 was received and noted. It was agreed that the Shaftesbury Open Spaces Group would look at the covenant and come back at a later date.

R47 Allotments South of the A30

Officer report 1015ROSE13 was received and noted. It was **AGREED** to consider revised plans for parking, ancillary buildings and access for the land south of the A30. It was requested to look into taking all the available land, not just a block of it.

R48 Barton Hill Recreation Ground

The Chairman's report 1015ROSE14 was received. It was **AGREED** to look in to the proposals outlined in the report and consider relocating the play equipment and bring proposals back to the next meeting of the Committee. Consideration to be given to relocating that area as considered by the SOSG as a bit of an eyesore. Include to next meeting quote for removal of existing old play equipment.

R49 Trinity Centre Grounds

Officer Report 1015ROSE15 was received. It was **RESOLVED** that Trinity Trust be engaged for maintenance of the graves area of the grounds of the Trinity

Centre in order to provide continuity of maintenance of the whole area. Details of the agreement to be delegated to the Town Clerk.

R50 Officer Report

Officer Report 1015ROSE16 was received. It was considered that savings in the staffing budget could be considered for subcontracting out painting and refurbishing of fencing throughout Shaftesbury, removal of the spoil heap at Mampitts Cemetery and help with the gardens. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase equipment to the value of £200 for the Hilltop Litterpickers.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.06

Signed

Date