

**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 20th September 2016 commencing at 7:00pm.

Members Present:

Councillor K Tippins (Chair)
Councillor Francis

Councillor Taylor (Vice-Chair)
Councillor R Tippins

Officers Present:

Claire Commons, Committee Services Officer

In Attendance:

Five 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 items were raised;

- Castle Green. The Open Spaces group outlined why the management plan was drawn up and reported that Castle Green was gifted to Shaftesbury in 1918. It would be good to celebrate its centenary of its acquisition.
- Budget. Recommend Ransons for machinery requirements.
- Toilets. Concern about graffiti on the doors.
- Park Walk hanging baskets. The prospect is uncluttered and rural, concern about the possibility of detracting from the view.
- Replacement equipment and mowers. Please consider a replacement scheme so that the money is ready for replacement.
- Brionne Garden. Interested to see how that is going to pan out. The Lime Trees could be pleached along wires.

R24 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Todd due to family commitments. Cllr Jackson was noted as absent.

R25 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

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

R26 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2016 as a correct record. The minutes were duly signed.

R27 Chairman's announcements

A30 boulevard. Concerns were raised regarding Ash Die-back. It was noted that the boulevard was a planning matter and the Town Council was waiting for an update from North Dorset District Council.

Swimming pool. It was reported that the inflatable had been a fantastic success.

Castle Hill. It was reported that the railings had been painted extremely well. It was suggested that the picnic table bases were painted green and moved closer to the path to be better used.

R28 Committee Budget Recommendations

Officer report 0916ROSE05 was received. It was asked that a full report be provided to support the need for the mower and grounds vehicle. It was agreed to recommend a budget of £60,000 to the General Management Committee

R29 Ash Close - Slide

Officer report 0916ROSE06 was received and it was **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council to purchase slide option B with site visit for location.

R30 Management Plan for Castle Hill Ancient Monument Site.

Officer Report 0916ROSE07 was received. It was noted that the Castle Hill Green was not on the 'At Risk' register with Historic England. It was **AGREED** that the Committee would review the document and bring back proposals for elements of the plan for inclusion in the town council's 5 year plan and a proposal for the centenary of Castle Hill being gifted to the town next year.

R31 Cockrams Recreation Ground

Officer Report 0916ROSE08 was received. It was **RESOLVED** to delegate £600 for improvements as outlined in the report but to plant upright shrubs rather than climbers against the football club training pitch. (*Financial Implication - £600 various as outlined in the report*). Consideration was given to the existing slide and it was agreed to ask suppliers in for designs to optimise / improve the area.

R32 Planting

Officer Report 0916ROSE09 was received. It was **RESOLVED** to delegate £1,700 to plants as outlined in the report for Park Walk, Brionne Garden, Bell Street Car Park, Barton Hill, Castle Hill, and Coppice Street corner next to the entrance to Tesco.

R33 Shaftesbury Snowdrop Festival

Officer Report 0916ROSE10 was received. It was **AGREED** that the Grounds Team would not be requested to help with the planting for the Snowdrop project.

R34 Officer Report

Officer Report 0916ROSE11 was received and it was **AGREED** to purchase honeycomb matting to surround the two table tennis tables at Barton Hill at a cost of £250 from the repairs and maintenance budget, to commission the completion of painting the play equipment at Enmore Green at a cost not to exceed £500 and to authorise the Clerk to approve additional tree works at Trinity Churchyard not to exceed £265.

R35 Future Meetings of the Committee

Officer Report 0916ROSE13 was received and noted. It was **AGREED** that items for the next meeting would include;

- Re-siting of litter bins and purchase of new
- Coppice street corner stepping stones to seat and raised planter
- Park Walk and Jubilee Steps

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:52pm

Signed

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