



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 6th June 2017 commencing at 7:00pm.

Members Present:

Councillor Hall (Chair)
Councillor Kirton (Vice Chair)

Councillor Jackson
Councillor Loader
Councillor Cook
Councillor Proctor

Officers Present:

Claire Commons, Town Clerk
Administrative Assistant

In Attendance:

Four members of the public

Councillor Kirton opened the meeting for Public Consultation in his capacity as Vice Chairman of the Committee. Councillor Hall (Chair) joined the meeting at 7.10pm

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;

- Scheduled Ancient Monuments - Shaftesbury Open Spaces Group spoke of the importance in continuing to build positive relationships with partner agencies and other bodies in relation to the management of the open spaces within Shaftesbury. The Group updated the committee on their recent meeting Historic England and the Town Clerk in connection with preparing management plans for Shaftesbury's Scheduled Ancient Monuments. The Committee extended thanks to the group for all their hard work and asked for the updated plan to be presented to the committee at a later date.
- Second hand bins - Concern was expressed about how long this was taking. It was confirmed that replacement bins had been received and were due for distribution imminently.

- A30 Boulevard - An update on the progress of the boulevard on the A30 was requested. The Clerk advised that she would follow this up.

R01 Apologies

No apologies all Councillors present.

R02 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. Councillor Cook declared membership of the Snowdrops Group.

R03 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2017 as a correct record. The minutes were duly signed

R04 Bee Week

Officer report 0617ROSE04 was received. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council host a 'bee week' and initiate further bee friendly initiatives including identifying bee friendly zones in celebration of the third year being bee-friendly and to recognise the potential long-term benefit to the town. Key components of the Bee initiative were **AGREED** to include: talks by Brigit Strawbridge, planting more bee friendly trees, including local schools in areas such as building bee boxes and planting bee friendly flowers. Discussions regarding the continued use of glyphosates would be heard at the next meeting in July. It was **AGREED** that Cllrs Jackson and Hall would work with Brigit Strawbridge on this initiative.

R05 Donkey Field

Officer report 0617ROSE05 was received. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Donkey Field agreement. The Donkey Field Community Orchard Management Group would be required to take out their own Public Liability Insurance and this would be covered by a grant from the Council. The Council would consider alternative methods for the insurance funding for subsequent years.

R06 Strategic Plan

Officer report 0617ROSE06 was received. It was **RESOLVED** that set priorities remain as previously agreed, the Committee members would discuss detail and priorities of the Tidy Town project and Officers would provide an audit and map of locations and assets in readiness for the next meeting of the Committee, It was agreed that 30 minutes of subsequent ROSE meetings would be dedicated to the Strategic Plan.

R07 Polytunnel Allotment request

Officer report 0617ROSE07 was received. It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is authorised to approve such requests in the future. Approval would be given for this request.

R08 Wincombe Recreation Ground

Officer report 0617ROSE08 was received. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase Proludic equipment to replace the worn and broken children's play equipment in Wincombe Recreational Ground and repairs made to the wooden trail in St James' Park. (*Financial Implication - £2,282 Playground Repairs Wincombe, £2,200 Playground Equipment St James*)

R09 Mampitts Community Land

Officer report 0617ROSE09 was received. It was **RESOLVED** to refresh the consultation at Mampitts Lane to maximise community involvement prior to the end of August 2017. To include Facebook, face-to-face meetings, leaflet drops and by holding a competition. Committee Chair and Vice Chair to lead on creation of a Facebook page.

R10 Salisbury Street Green

Officer report 0617ROSE10 was received. It was **RESOLVED** the Town Council request the transfer of land adjacent to 46 Salisbury Street.

R11 Charter Branch

Officer report 0617ROSE11 was received. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council registers as a Charter Branch.

R12 Officer Report and Future Meetings of the Committee

Officer report 0617ROSE12 was received and noted.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.10pm

Signed

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