



## SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee held on  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013** at 7.00 pm in the Mayors Parlour.

**Present:** Cllr Hicks (Chairman)  
 Cllr Dibben (Vice-Chairman)  
 Cllr Cook  
 Cllr Harvey  
 Cllr Pritchard

**In attendance:** Claire Commons (Acting Committee Services Officer)  
 Cllrs Proctor, Lewer and Tippins  
 9 members of the public

### Public consultation

Ms Barlow – spoke on behalf of the Tennis Club asking if there was progress for the lease and was there a reason for the delay. Cllr Dibben responded that a meeting was being arranged as it was also relating to the Football Club.

Mr Jordaan – spoke advising that he had dropped figures in for the swimming pool for the attention of Cllr Hicks.

Mr Skevington – spoke on behalf of the Table Tennis Club advising that he was interested in occupying the football clubhouse. Cllr Dibben responded that he would be invited to tender.

Cllr Lewer – spoke in relation to item 4d, the committees response to NDDC's Scrutiny Committee relating to the Eastern Development. He had prepared an open letter to NDDC requesting an explanation for the recommendation that it had made.

A member of the public – spoke as a resident of Meles Mead asking if the play equipment was proposed for adjacent to the badger sett.

### 01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Steve due to a conflicting engagement.

### 02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their obligations under the under the Localism Act 2011 to declare any interests. There were none.

### 03. TREE APPLICATIONS

The delegated decisions were noted as follows:

2363/TPO	35 Barton Hill	Pollard to 8 – 10ft	T1	Holly	No Objection
2358/CA	78 St James St	Reduce height by 12ft and crown lift by 9ft	T1	Goat Willow	No Objection

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 Cllr Hicks (Chairman), Cllr Dibben (Vice-Chairman), Cllrs Cook, Pritchard, Steve and vacancy to be filled following co-option

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2360	Trinity Centre	Remove completely and replant in Autumn	T1	Diseased Cherry	No Objection
2376/CA	23 Layton Lane	Re-pollard	T5	Lime	No Objection

The committee considered the following application and observed No Objection as the works were unavoidable.

2401	Bleke House	Various listed tree works			No Objection
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#### 04. EASTERN DEVELOPMENT

- a) Cllr Hicks reported on a meeting held with NDDC regarding S106 monies and the transfer of open spaces. A draft was tabled illustrating the requests for s106 and their purposes. It was **AGREED** to proceed with the plan for Castle Hill as already identified. Cllr Cook **PROPOSED**, Cllr Dibben **SECONDED** and it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED** that NDDC and DCC be approached to request the transfer of the land allocated for allotments south of the A30 as soon as practicable. (*Policy 0913/ROSE/4a*) (*Statutory Authority – Smallholdings and Allotments Act 1908 s25*) (*Financial Implication – none*) (*Public Sector Equality Duty – due consideration of the duty was given*)

Cllr Dibben **PROPOSED**, Cllr Cook **SECONDED** and it was agreed to:

**RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the affordable housing s106 money from the Blue Cedar development be requested to be provided in support of leisure facilities within the town.

- b) In considering East Green, members considered that the buffer strip should be 10 meters and not 9 meters, this left 230<sup>m2</sup> which could provide a useful play area.  
c) Members considered the triangle of land adjacent to the A30 as a possible play area. Cllr Pritchard **PROPOSED**, Cllr Dibben **SECONDED** and it was unanimously agreed to:

**RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the council requested the triangle of land to be transferred to Shaftesbury Town Council.

It was **AGREED** to reiterate the agreement to deliver play areas within the master plan as set out by Tetlow King which did not include equipped play in the wildlife corridor.

- d) Members considered the outcome of the Scrutiny meeting at NDDC and **AGREED** to write expressing the council's views.

#### 05. ALLOTMENTS

- a) Members considered the revised allotment agreement. It was **AGREED** that subject to the required checks, the agreement be adjusted to permit keeping of bees. Cllr Dibben **PROPOSED**, Cllr Cook **SECONDED** and it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED** to adopt the revised policy. (*Policy 0913/ROSE/5a*) (*Statutory Authority – Smallholders and Allotments Act 1908 s27*) (*Financial Implication – none*) (*Public Sector Equality Duty – due consideration of the duty was given*)

- b) Members considered a request for a polytunnel on the St James allotment garden. It was **AGREED** to decline the request by virtue of it being within a conservation area.

## 06. GROUNDS REPORT

The grounds report was received and noted.

## 07. CHRISTY'S LANE SHELTER BELT

Members considered whether additional planting was required in the Christy's Lane Shelter Belt. It was **AGREED** to delegate responsibility for review to the chair of the committee and the Open Spaces group.

## 08. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Members considered a request to relocate a bench within Barton Hill. Cllr Pritchard **PROPOSED**, Cllr Hicks **SECONDED** and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to relocate the bench within Barton Hill as identified by Cllr Harvey. (*Policy 0913/ROSE/8a*) (*Statutory Authority – LGMPA 1976 s19*) (*Financial Implication – none*) (*Public Sector Equality Duty – due consideration of the duty was given*)
- b) Members received the request from the Shaftesbury Table Tennis Club for use of the Football Social Club building. It was noted and advised that they would be invited to tender at the appropriate point.
- c) Members considered an email from the Maltings Residents Association. It was explained that the Mayor had invited them to come to talk to the town council but that his requests had been refused. It was **AGREED** to ask for a copy of the association's constitution.

## 09. CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS

Members considered a request from the bowling club to place a skip on the land adjacent to the clubhouse commencing October 2013 during renovation works. It was **AGREED** to grant this request.

## 10. PUBLIC RELATIONS

It was **AGREED** to publicise the Town Councils view on the outcome of the scrutiny meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21:35

### **Public Consultation**

A member of the public – spoke regarding the Maltings expressing concern that NDDC may change what is happening on the play areas without impartial consultation. They expressed the view that the Maltings Residents Association was not representative of all the residents as there were many whose views were not the same. They added that they had not seen minutes from any of the meetings of the MRA and that they had been assured by NDDC that the section of land which was protected would not be touched. They added that they had purchased properties based on plans which showed the wildlife corridor in place without play areas and these proposals had not been a consideration at the point that they bought their homes.

Mr Jordaen – asked that the council considered using a projector for all council and committee meetings in order to display to members of the public, the documents which the members were considering. He also asked that a map of the town be prepared showing where all the projects and areas of responsibility were.