



## SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

## Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee

Minutes of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8LY on Tuesday, 24 October 2017 commencing at 7:00pm.

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**Members Present**

Councillor Jackson  
Councillor Loader

Councillor Kirton  
Councillor Proctor

**Absent:**

Councillors Cook and Hall

**Officers Present:**

Claire Commons, Town Clerk

**In Attendance:**

3 members of the public  
1 member of the press  
Councillors Brown and Lewer

### 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;

- Tree Planting – Shaftesbury Tree Group expressed thanks for inviting recommendations for tree planting location and spoke in support of agenda item 5.

**R32 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Cook and Hall due to conflicting engagements.

**R33 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

All members were invited to declare any interests throughout the meeting if the need arose. There were none declared.

**R34 Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 19 September 2017 and the minutes were duly signed.

**R35 Officer Report**

Office report 1017ROSE4 was received and noted. It was **RESOLVED** to

- R35a Request options for Jubilee Slopes from Shaftesbury Open Spaces Group Shaftesbury Snowdrops and other interested parties. Investigate designs and costs for replacement railings at Jubilee Steps.
- R35b Form a working party to re-start the s.106 Castle Hill project and to meet with the Rangers to discuss progress against management plan.
- R35c Subject to satisfactory trial, purchase a chewing gum removal machine at a cost of up to £3,000 (*Financial Implication, £2,000 Grounds Equipment EMR and £1,000 Grounds Equipment revenue*) (*Strategic Plan Area 7.2.5 Smarten up the Town*)
- R35d Adjust the Strategic Plan so that 'Street Cleaning' appears as a subheading of 'Tidy Town'. Assess effectiveness of additional bins from stock and release funds for the purchase of Litterbins for the High Street up to the value of £2,000 delegated to the Clerk to determine as required. (*Financial Implication up to £2,000 Street Furniture*) (*Strategic Plan Area 7.2.5 Smarten up the Town*)
- R35e Request costs for picnic tables in place of gym equipment at Wincombe Recreation Ground.

**R36 Tree Planting**

Officer report 1017ROSE5 was received and appendix A was tabled. It was **RESOLVED** to

- R36a Plant 4 oak trees, 10 birch trees and native shrubs at the bottom of Castle Hill and provide associated tree guards and mulch mats.
- R36b Plant trees on the verges at Pound Lane, King Alfred's Way and Sweetmans Road and provide associated tree guards and mulch mats subject to permission from Dorset County Council.
- R36c Plant 2 trees at the County boundary with Wiltshire on A350 and A30 and place greensand boulder and associated tree guards and mulch mats subject to permission from Dorset and Wiltshire Highways.

Delegated authority to the Clerk for expenditure of £2,500 within existing budget lines. (*Financial Implication Tree Planting EMR and Street Furniture*) (*Strategic Plan Area 7.2.8 Environment and Conservation Projects*)

**R37 2018/19 Committee Budget**

Officer report 1017ROSE6 was received. It was **RESOLVED** to

- R37a **RECOMMEND** to the General Management Committee that the following budget provisions for the Committee be considered;
- Playground Equipment – £15,000 for replacement equipment at St James' Park.

- Street Furniture - £10,000
  - Jubilee Steps Enhancement - £10,000 for path enhancement to central gate
  - Swimming Pool - £10,000 for capital reserves
  - Play Area Design - £5,000
- R37b Increase the Hall Hire charges by 3% to £236 per day (£118 per 4-hour session)
- R37c Increase the cemetery charges by 10% (exclusive right of burial £145)
- R37d Increase Allotment rents by £1 per half size plot
- R37e Purchase communal shed for Mampitts Allotments, provide larger gateway at Bray, remove spoil and provide water trough at St James and provide noticeboards at all sites. (*Financial Implication £1,500*) (*Strategic Plan Area 3.2.1 Current Services*)
- R37f Research options for composting toilets at St James Allotments.
- R37g Remove budget provision for external cleaning of public toilets

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.58pm.

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Signed

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