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To: Members of Shaftesbury Town Council's Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee (ROSE), Councillors Hall (Chair), Kirton (Vice Chair), Cook, Jackson, Loader & Proctor. All other recipients for information only.

You are summoned to a meeting of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee for the transaction of the business shown on the agenda below.

To be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20 November 2018 in the Council Chamber, Shaftesbury Town Hall

Claire Commons, Town Clerk

Members are reminded of their duty under the Code of Conduct

Public Participation

The Chairman will invite members of the public to present their questions, statements or petitions submitted under the Council's Public Participation Procedure.

Members of the public and Councillors are entitled to make audio or visual recordings of the meeting provided it does not cause disruption or impede the transaction of business. Out of courtesy to those present, the Council requests that intention to record proceedings is brought to the Chairman's attention prior to the start of the meeting.

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(End)

Administration for a meeting of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee
To be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20 November 2018 in the Council Chamber, Shaftesbury
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1 Apologies

To receive and consider for acceptance, apologies for absence

The Council (including committees) should approve (or not) the reason for apologies given by absent councillors. If a council member has not attended a meeting of the council (or its committees) or has not tendered apologies which have been accepted by the council (or committee), for six consecutive months, they are disqualified.

1.1 Apologies received to date

1.1.1 .

STRATEGIC PLAN AREA: INTERNAL ENGAGEMENT, MARK JACKSON

2 Declarations of Interest

Members and Officers are reminded of their obligations to declare interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct 2012. The Clerk will report any dispensation requests received.

2.1 Declarations of Interest or dispensations received to date

2.1.1 There have been no declarations received at the point of papers being issued.

STRATEGIC PLAN AREA: INTERNAL ENGAGEMENT, MARK JACKSON

3 Minutes

To confirm as a correct record, the minutes of the previous meeting of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee.

(Local Government Act, 1972 sch 12 para 41)

3.1 Background

3.1.1 When the meeting is approving the draft minutes of a previous meeting as an accurate record, the only issue for the meeting is whether the minutes accurately record the proceedings of the meeting and the resolutions made at them. It is irrelevant if the chairman or other councillors were not present at the meeting to which the draft minutes relate.

3.1.2 If it is necessary for the draft minutes of the previous meeting to be corrected because of an inaccuracy in them, then the amendments to the draft minutes must be approved by resolution. (Tharmarajah, 2013, p. 154)

3.2 Minutes to be adopted

3.2.1 16th October 2018

STRATEGIC PLAN AREA: INTERNAL ENGAGEMENT, MARK JACKSON



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, 16 October 2018 commencing at 7pm.

Members Present

Councillor Kirton (Chair)
Councillor Jackson
Councillor Proctor

Councillor Cook
Councillor Loader

Absent:

Councillors Hall

Officers Present:

Claire Commons, Town Clerk
Zoe Moxham, Office Administrator
Brie Logan, Business Manager

In Attendance:

3 members of public, (1 representative from open spaces group and 2 Dorset Ranger officers.
1 members of the press
Councillor Brown

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;

- A representative of the Open Spaces group asked the following questions:
Is Castle Mound going to be discussed on the Agenda? – Yes.
Is consultation being carried out with a local expert regarding the Town's design plan for Town furniture, including St James Railings? – Yes
- A member of the press asked about Castle mound and the 'at Risk' register.

R34 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Hall due to work commitments.

R35 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

All members were invited to declare any interests throughout the meeting if the need arose. Councillor Cook declared an interest in item 7, Snowdrops as a member of the Snowdrop group.

R36 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th February and Tuesday 18th September. They were duly signed.

R37 St James' Path

Officer report 1018ROSE4 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to carry out the immediate remedial work and reopen the path. (*Financial Implication up to £2500 Repairs and Maintenance*)

ACTION: TOWN CLERK/FINANCE AND SERVICES OFFICER

R38 Order of Business

It was **RESOLVED** to move Item 6, Castle Hill and Item 7, Snowdrops to be discussed next on the agenda to allow members of the public to leave after the items that interest them.

R39 Castle Hill

Officer report 1018ROSE6 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to;

R39a commission the repair work at the foot of Castle Hill (*Financial Implication £4,680 Repairs and Maintenance*), and.

R39b allocate funds £3400 in to next years budget, for improvement and repair works to Castle Hill Steps.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK/FINANCE AND SERVICES OFFICER

R40 Snowdrops

Officer report 1018ROSE7 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to grant approval for the planting of snowdrops at Castle Hill this year and next, as per the plan provided, in consultation with Dorset Ranger Officers to ensure all planting is outside of the protected Ancient Scheduled Monument area.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK/FINANCE AND SERVICES OFFICER

R41 Visitor Experience

Officer report 1018ROSE5 was received and the following was **RESOLVED**;

R41a To **RECOMMEND** to Full Council to delegate authority to the Town Clerk and Business Manager to spend up to £7,000 from Street Furniture budget for the purchase of 10 cast iron branded litter bins.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK/BUSINESS MANAGER

R41b To appoint Anna McDowell to the Visitor Experience Advisory Committee.

ACTION: BUSINESS MANAGER

R41c That the Committee adopts the VEAC Action Plan as appended.

ACTION: BUSINESS MANAGER

R42 Memorial Bench

Officer report 1018ROSE8 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the request for the bench and delegate to the Head Groundsman in consultation with the Town Clerk to identify the precise location.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK/ FINANCE AND SERVICES OFFICER

R43 Wincombe Recreation Ground Outdoor Gym

Officer report 1018ROSE9 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to continue to investigate alternatives for repair and maintenance and carry out the required works within the delegated authority.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK/FINANCE AND SERVICES OFFICER

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.56pm.

Signed

Date

4 Swimming Pool

To receive a report on the conclusion of the 2018 swimming season and survey

4.1 Summary

- 4.1.1 The Swimming Pool season was a very successful one, helped significantly by the weather.
- 4.1.2 The pool was opened an additional 2 hours every day and on particularly hot days it was opened even longer. This had an impact on the wages expenditure but the total expenditure still came in within budget (99.7%)
- 4.1.3 Income exceeded the budgetary expectations coming in at 122.1% and was in increase of 49% on last year's figures.
- 4.1.4 Appended to this report are the detailed Income and Expenditure report for the Swimming Pool (excluding VAT) and a breakdown of the income streams (including VAT) as a comparison on last year.
- 4.1.5 During 2018 swimming season, a survey was carried out to help the Council's decision making with future pool seasons.
- 4.1.6 Appended to this report is a summary of the results of that survey.

4.2 Financial, Legal and Risk Implications

- 4.2.1 There are no financial, legal and risk implications arising from this report.

4.3 Recommendation

- 4.3.1 That the report is received and noted and that future decisions related to the swimming pool are informed from this data.

STRATEGIC PLAN AREA: EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT, PHIL PROCTOR

(End)

Report Author:
Claire Commons, Town Clerk

Appendix B. Income and Expenditure for Pool against budget

14/11/2018		Shaftesbury Town Council						
15:05		Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 01/11/2018				Page No 1		
Month No : 8		Cost Centre Report						
		Actual Last Year	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% of Budget
305	Swimming Pool							
4008	Life Guard Salaries	20,874	26,447	22,000	-4,447		-4,447	120.2 %
4010	Staff Training	1,127	706	1,000	294		294	70.6 %
4150	Rates & Services	2,592	2,296	2,586	290		290	88.8 %
4155	Electricity	1,707	975	1,500	525		525	65.0 %
4160	Gas	2,234	1,667	2,200	533		533	75.8 %
4165	Water Rates	977	1,158	2,000	842		842	57.9 %
4250	Repairs & Maintenance	1,561	1,359	2,459	1,100		1,100	55.3 %
4260	Cleaning Supplies	218	257	220	-37		-37	116.9 %
4270	Equipment Repairs	90	0	0	0		0	0.0 %
4271	Equipment Purchases	1,168	1,017	1,000	-17		-17	101.7 %
4285	PPE	11	0	0	0		0	0.0 %
4360	Chemicals	3,910	3,618	4,000	382		382	90.5 %
4362	Plant Servicing/Repairs	1,414	1,680	1,500	-180		-180	112.0 %
4363	DBS Checks	125	75	150	75		75	50.0 %
4364	Uniforms	321	288	350	62		62	82.2 %
4365	Music Licences	122	0	250	250		250	0.0 %
4366	Retail Sales	442	855	480	-375		-375	178.1 %
4370	Swimming Pool Advertising	1,324	838	1,500	662		662	55.9 %
4373	ATC Renewal	219	175	230	55		55	76.1 %
4374	Life Guard Training Course	1,205	0	0	0		0	0.0 %
4410	Telephone	292	160	275	115		115	58.1 %
	Swimming Pool :- Expenditure	41,934	43,571	43,700	129	0	129	99.7 %
1220	Solar Panel Feed in Tariff	1,127	970	1,200	-230			80.9 %
1301	Miscellaneous Income	300	0	0	0			0.0 %
1365	Swimming Pool Income	16,745	23,086	18,500	4,586			124.8 %
1366	Income Life Guards Course	1,200	0	0	0			0.0 %
	Swimming Pool :- Income	19,372	24,057	19,700	4,357			122.1 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	22,562	19,515	24,000	4,485			

Percentage change on actual figures from previous year to current year;

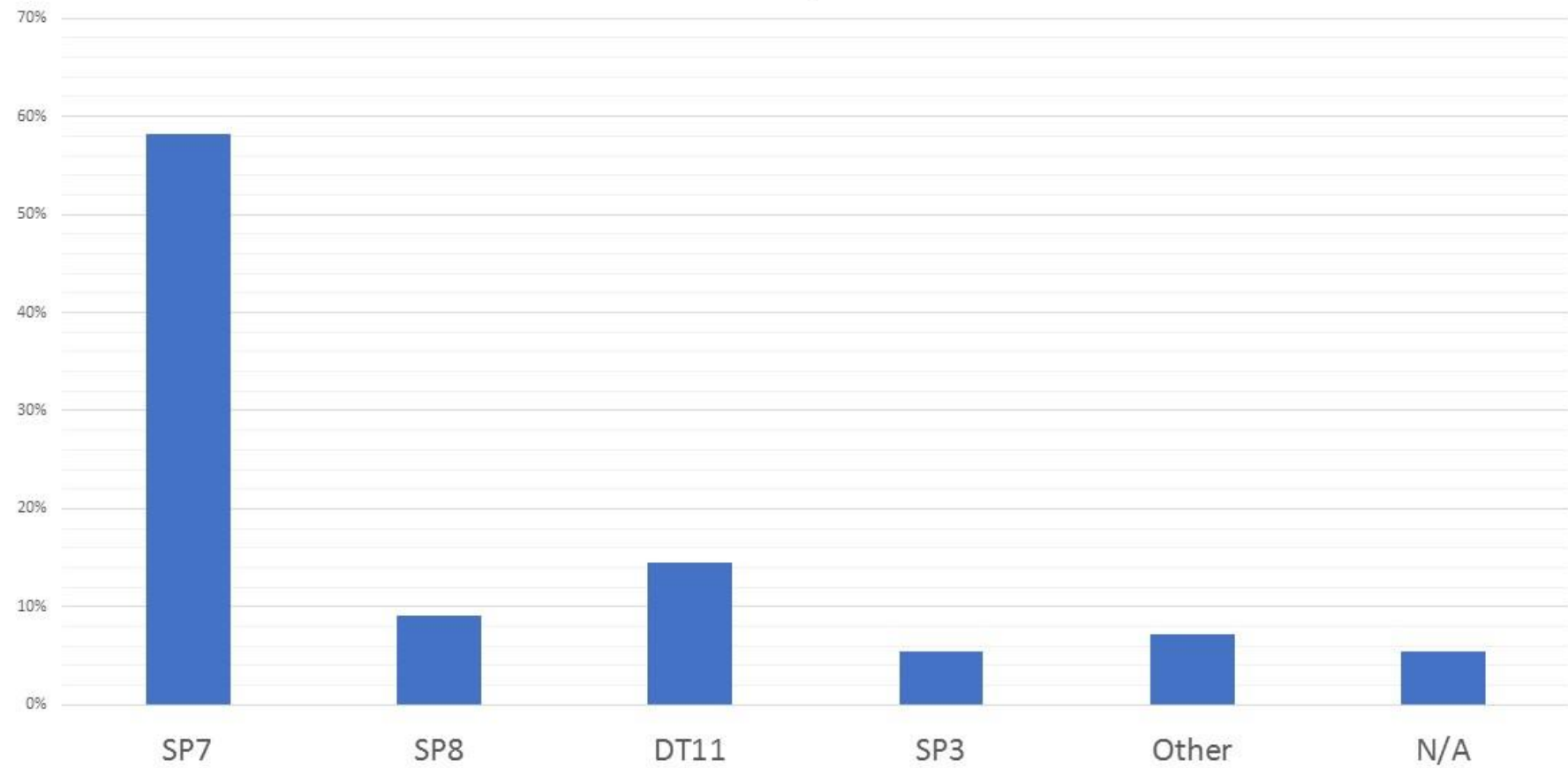
	2017	2018	
Adult Swims	£4,706.50	£8,402.50	79%
Children	£6,952.00	£9,492.50	37%
Concessions	£186.00	£209.00	12%
Family	£1,688.00	£3,462.00	105%
Loyalty Card Adult	£1,085.00	£1,520.00	40%
Loyalty Card Child	£775.00	£1,300.00	68%
Inflatable Session	£1,752.50	£1,477.00	-16%
Group/Party Hire	£1,457.50	£2,114.50	45%
Refreshments	£1,043.09	£1,218.16	17%
	£19,645.59	£29,195.66	49%



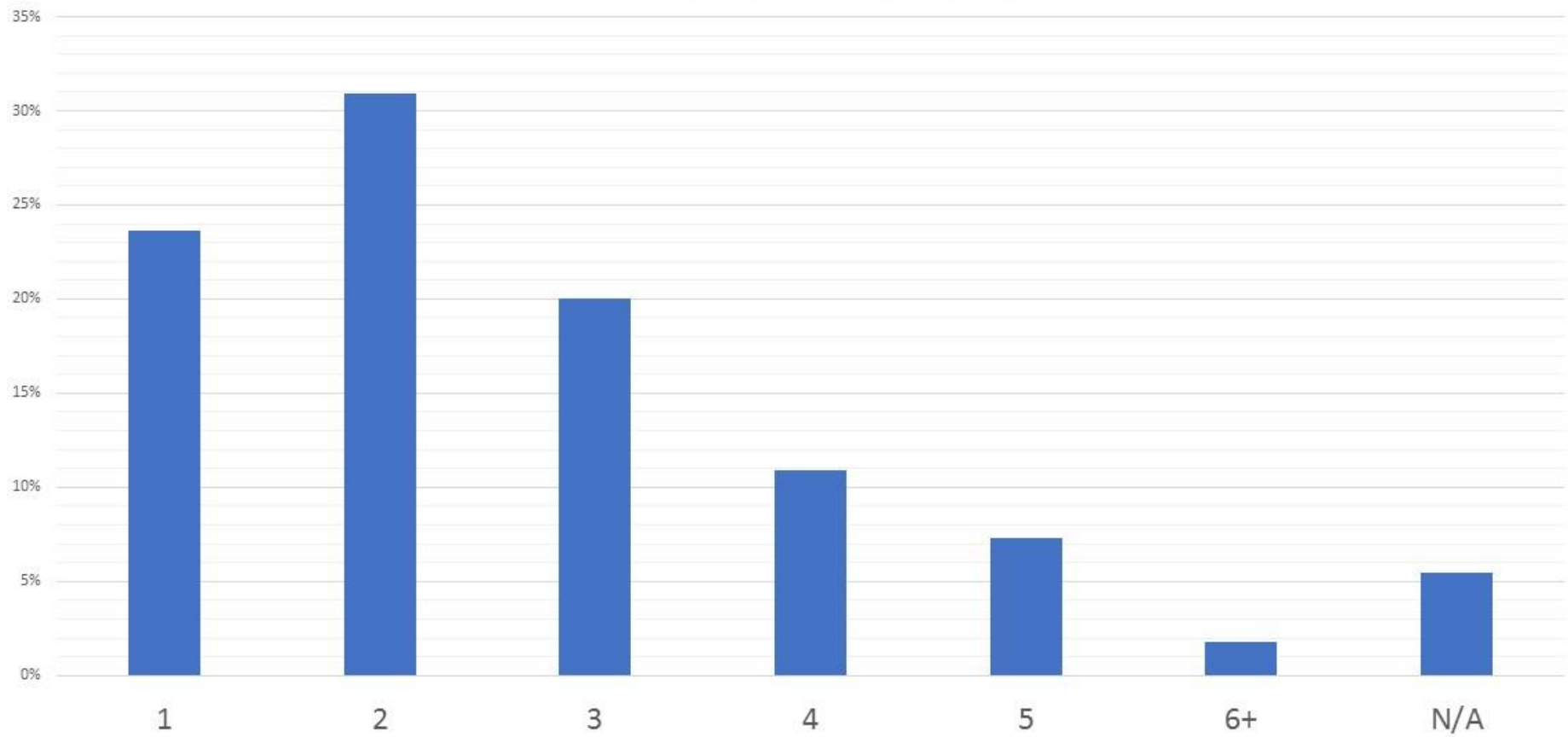
2018 Summer Mini Survey STC Swimming Pool

(55 Surveys completed)

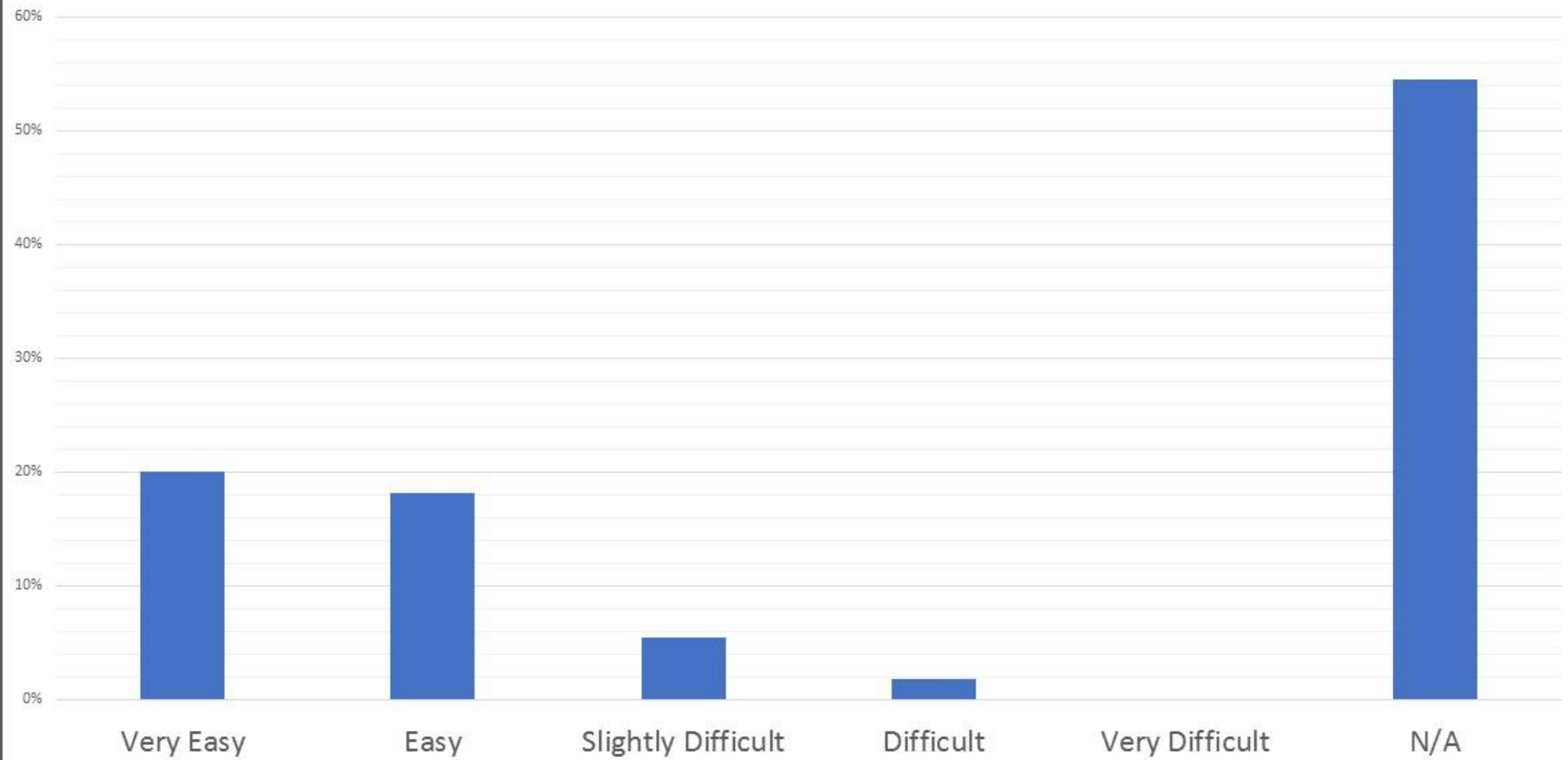
Where do you live?



How many people are in your party?



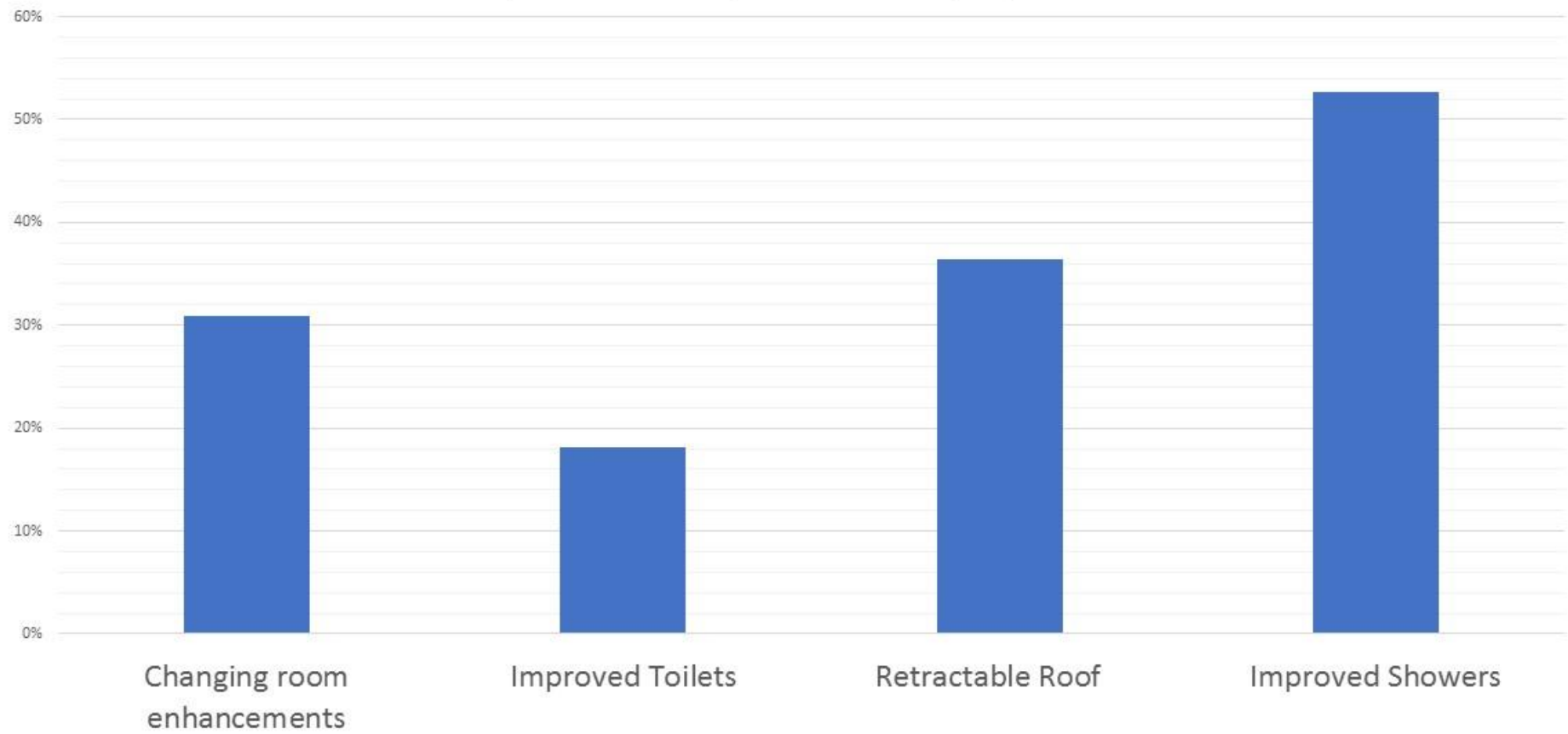
If you are a first-time visitor how easy was it to find the pool?



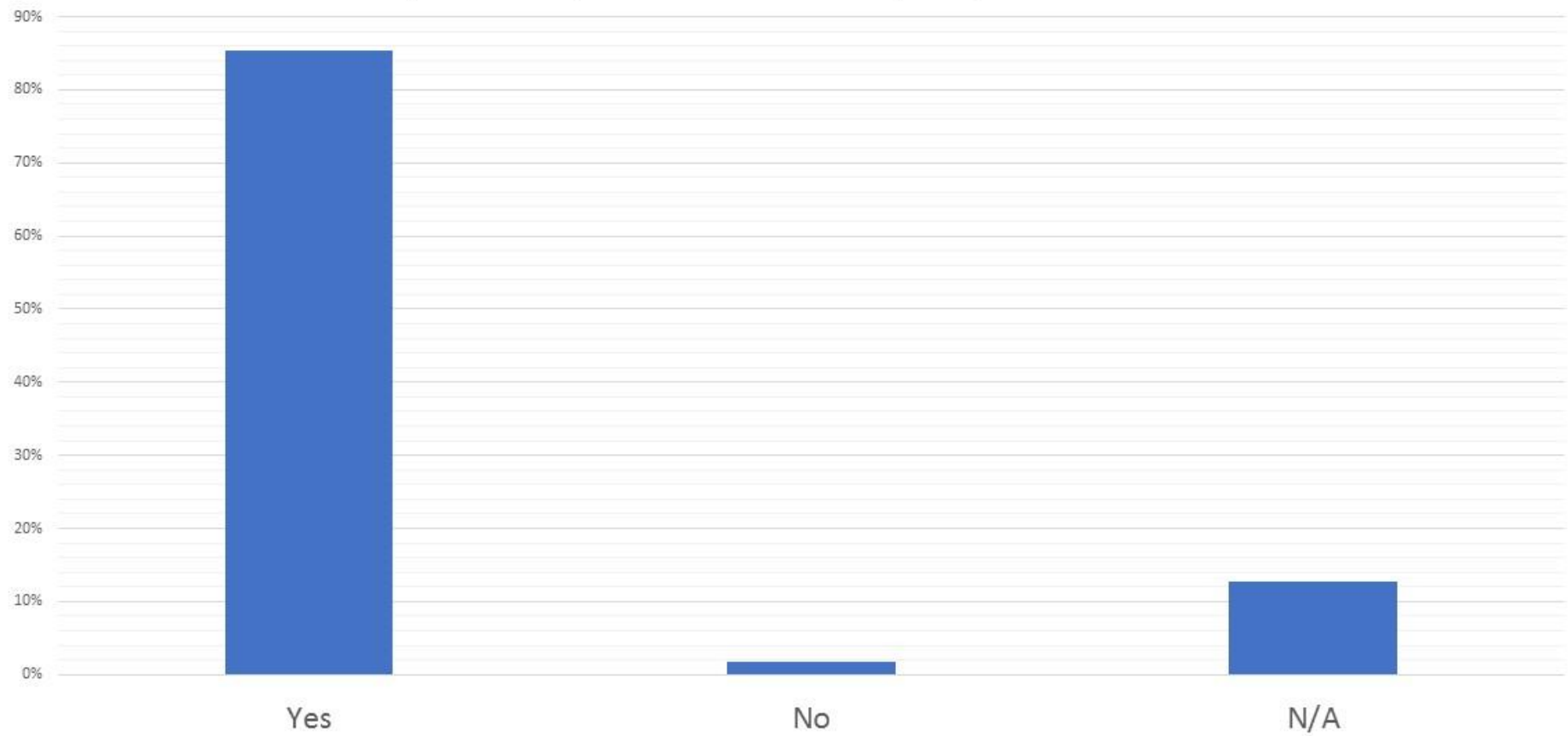
Did you enjoy your visit to the pool?



Would you like to see any of the following improvements?



Would you visit the pool more often if the opening season was extended



5 The Wilderness

To consider any actions relating to the upcoming auction of The Wilderness

5.1 Summary

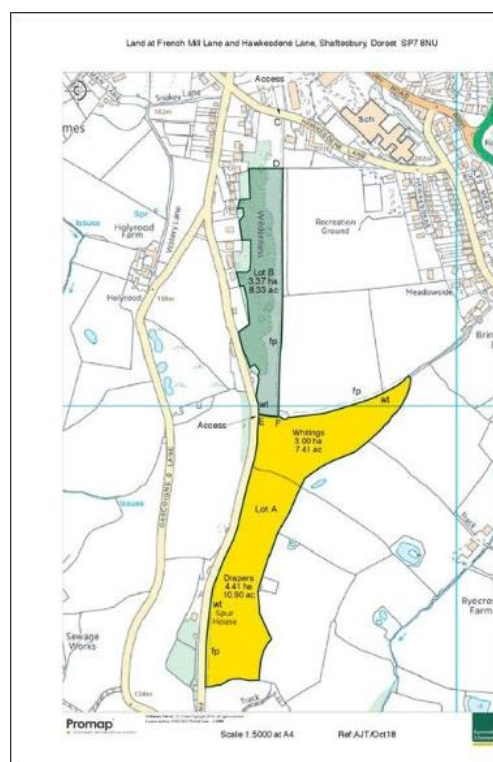
- 5.1.1 The Town Council has been made aware of an area of land coming up for auction. It is expected that there will be a covenant that the land cannot be developed for housing.
- 5.1.2 Members of the public are expressing an interest in a community purchase of this land to preserve it for walking and green amenity. The Council has been asked if it is considering a similar approach.
- 5.1.3 Details of the land and auctions are available
8.3 Acres
<https://www.rightmove.co.uk/commercial-property-for-sale/property-76976393.html>
18.3 Acres
<https://www.rightmove.co.uk/commercial-property-for-sale/property-77068013.html>
- 5.1.4 An interview with This is Alfred is available
<http://thisisalfred.com/countryside/shaftesbury-farmer-selling-land-promises-no-build-clause/>

5.2 Financial, Legal and Risk Implication

- 5.2.1 There are no financial implications identified within this report. If a recommendation was made to Council, financial and legal implications would be identified within that report.

5.3 Recommendation

- 5.3.1 That the Committee discusses the matter, considering matters including benefit to the town, appropriate proportionate use of the public purse, cost considerations beyond the purchase price, connection with the Neighbourhood Plan emerging policies.



STRATEGIC PLAN AREA: ASSET ACQUISITION, LESTER TAYLOR

(End)

Report Author:
Claire Commons, Town Clerk

Report 1118ROSE6 to a meeting of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee
To be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20 November 2018 in the Council Chamber, Shaftesbury
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6 St James' Footpath

To receive an update on remedial works and note the Officer Delegated Decision.

6.1 Summary

- 6.1.1 At its meeting on 16th October the ROSE Committee resolved to carry out the required remedial works to St James' footpath, that being the installation of a handrail for the length of the path as an interim measure until a permanent solution was found.
- 6.1.2 A site meeting was held with the contractors to discuss the suitability of the non-slip surface. A recommendation was made that an additional layer of resin was laid to increase the grip and a further suggestion of Multi-Flint be laid in strips to increase grip at the steepest parts.
- 6.1.3 Posts and rails have been received by the grounds team and are ready for installation as soon as the second layer of resin has been placed. This is scheduled for next week but is dependent on dry weather.
- 6.1.4 The Town Clerk exercised delegated authority and did not progress with the Multi Flint for the following reasons;
 - The addition of strips of the flint will provide an excellent increased grip but does not address the risk associated with the gradient.
 - The flint surface is sharp and risks greater injury on falling than if it was not present
 - The risk arising from the flint outweighs the reduction in slip
- 6.1.5 The full delegated decision form is appended to this report.
- 6.1.6 Councillors, staff and the Council's Health and Safety professionals were consulted before confirming the decision.

6.2 Financial Implication

- 6.2.1 The additional resin layer is being provided at cost, £300 from repairs and maintenance

6.3 Legal Implication

- 6.3.1 The Council has a duty to take such care that visitors will be reasonably safe in using the path for its intended purpose. The Council does not owe the duty to someone who has willingly accepted the risk by exhibiting a conspicuous, legible and suitably expressed notice. (Occupiers' Liability Act , 1957 s2)

6.4 Recommendation

- 6.4.1 That the report, including the delegated decision notice, is received and noted.

STRATEGIC PLAN AREA: ASSET MANAGEMENT, ANDY PERKINS

(End)

Report Author:
Claire Commons, Town Clerk



Shaftesbury Town Council
Officer Delegated Decision Form



1. Date of Decision	12 th November 2018
2. Matter for Decision	Addition of 1-3mm Multi Flint bonded surface on the St James footpath.
3. Decision	<p style="text-align: center;">Not to apply Multi Flint strips</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Committee to consider future remedial action to create steps at the steepest gradients.</p>
4. Reason(s) for Decision(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The addition of strips of the flint will provide an excellent increased grip but does not address the risk associated with the gradient. • The flint surface is sharp and risks greater injury on falling than if it was not present • The risk arising from the flint outweighs the reduction in slip
5. Decision Maker (Officer name and title)	Claire Commons, Town Clerk
6. Alternative options considered and rejected	Apply strips of Multi-Flint on the steeper gradients of the path.
7. Any conflict of interest declared by any member consulted	<p style="text-align: center;">No conflict of interest declared.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Officers consulted: Head Groundsman Members consulted; Councillors Hall, Taylor and Jackson Professionals consulted; Peninsula Health and Safety</p>
8. Any dispensation granted in respect of any declared conflict of interest	None

Council Committee Meeting: Report to ROSE 20th November 2018_____

Minute Reference_____

**Report 1118ROSE7 to a meeting of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment
Committee**
**To be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20 November 2018 in the Council Chamber,
Shaftesbury Town Hall**

7 Castle Hill

To receive update on works at Castle Hill

7.1 Summary

- 7.1.1 Officers and representatives of Shaftesbury Open Spaces Group have met with the Rangers carrying out the maintenance work on Castle Hill.
- 7.1.2 The detail of work for compartment 1 currently states cutting 10 times per year, this is not suitable for the wet ground in this compartment and it is recommended that it is managed in line with Compartment 2 – cutting path edges only.
- 7.1.3 Encroaching vegetation on paths is not able to be managed as set out in the Management Plan because of the Town Council's ban on glyphosates. Because the paths are regularly used, this situation is self-managed.
- 7.1.4 Management of the Bracken will be taking place later this autumn.
- 7.1.5 Himalayan Balsam has been pulled, care is being taken not to remove too much undergrowth and saplings as these prohibit the growth of the invasive plant. The Rangers are investigating use of a remote flail for use on the slopes.
- 7.1.6 Hedge laying will be taking place next year in compartments 1 and 2.
- 7.1.7 Duckweed and Flote Grass will be being removed from the pond later this autumn.
- 7.1.8 Trimming trees and selective thinning from compartments 4 and 5 will be carried out in January to maintain the view.
- 7.1.9 Rangers will be using a non-glyphosate treatment on tree stumps.
- 7.1.10 Work identified for Castle Mound (Compartment 5) is expected to be sufficient to remove the area from the At Risk register with Historic England. Shaftesbury Open Spaces Group have proposed a 5 – 7 year management plan for this area only – see extract from the supporting papers for ROSE in March 2018

8.3 Proposal prepared by Shaftesbury Open Spaces Group and Shaftesbury Tree Group

- 8.3.1 G1 -Re-coppice young self seeded growth on northern top slopes (hazel, elder, hawthorn, sycamore etc.) over a 5 to 7 year period to maintain and manage views across the Blackmore vale landscape. Retain mature Thorn and Holly.

G2- As above on Western boundary of top slope

G3- As above on Southern boundary of top slope

Remove dense shrub growth of box honeysuckle (*lonicera nitida*) along eastern boundary to permit creation of path to the mound, proposed in order to reduce traffic directly up the mound which is resulting in soil erosion- A Section 211 notification is not required for this.

G4- Re-coppice young self seeded growth on upper slope of northern boundary on the northern side of the Rangers footpath to permit views across the vale and proactively manage coppice derived growth.

Mark the location of the groups on a site plan and state how long we require the consent to cover i.e. 5 or 7 years.

Shaftesbury Open Spaces Group will be informing Historic England of the scheduled works and inviting them to visit the location after the works have been completed.

7.2 Financial, Legal and Risk Implications

- 7.2.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report, all works identified fall within the scope of the existing service level agreement with the Rangers.
- 7.2.2 The Council has an obligation to maintain its areas of open space. (Open Spaces Act 1906 s .10, 1906)
- 7.2.3 There is a risk of encroaching invasive plants, reduction in views and the monument remaining on the At Risk Register with Historic England if remedial works are not carried out.

7.3 Recommendation

- 7.3.1 That the report is received and noted.
- 7.3.2 That the management plan detailed below is adopted subject to approval from Historic England and North Dorset District Council.

STRATEGIC PLAN AREA: ASSET MANAGEMENT, ANDY PERKINS

(End)

Report Author:

Claire Commons, Town Clerk

Appendix E. Castle Hill Compartment Map



Castle Hill, Shaftesbury

Ref:
Date: 17/12/2015
Scale: 1:2500
Drawn By:
Cent X: 385748
Cent Y: 122887

GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS



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Report 1118ROSE8 to a meeting of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee
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8 Mampitts Square

Update on scoping report for consultation

8.1 Summary

- 8.1.1 An analysis of the initial consultation for uses of Mampitts Square has been carried out. Although only 20 responses were provided initially, the response to those demonstrate overwhelmingly that people are looking for social space, picnic benches, trees, nature and wildlife. A lot of mention was given to memorial gardens and sensory gardens within those.
- 8.1.2 Also strongly represented in the responses were the requirements for walking and running areas, fit trails and nature trails as well as sports pitches and recreation space
- 8.1.3 In addition to this very small consultation exercise, the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee has been working on the Green Infrastructure policies for the Neighbourhood Plan which supports green infrastructure requirements with evidence.
- 8.1.4 The SWOT analysis provided by this workstream is shown below;
- 8.1.5 In simple terms, the Neighbourhood Plan has identified 6 different types of green space;
1. **Community/leisure activities:** supporting a wide range of activities for all ages. e.g.sports pitches, skateparks, outdoor gym, playgrounds, informal play areas, formal gardens, informal gardens, picnic/sitting areas. *Rachel suggests subdividing this category so that we can assess Shaftesbury's spaces against FiT standards. I.e*
 - a. *Equipped play areas (LAPs, LEAPs, NEAPs, MUGAs, Skateboard parks etc) where we can check for access within recommended (by FiT) distance from home*
 - b. *Formal outdoor sports provision (playing pitches, tennis courts, swimming pool, etc) where we can compare our provision with the standard of 1.60 hectares per 1000 population (- this might fall into community facilities rather than Green Infrastructure within the NP)*
 - c. *Informal recreation/amenity spaces (parks, gardens, amenity green space) where we can check against the standard (by FiT) provision of 1.4 hectares per 1000 population*
 2. **Community and private outdoor leisure space:** complimenting/improving built environment. e.g.informal leisure spaces, housing green spaces, landscape planting, green roofs, domestic gardens, green lungs.
 - a. roundabout verges, roadside greens and trees, residential estates, housing green spaces.
 - b. green spaces within car parks, industrial estates
 - c. schools
 3. **Natural and semi-natural areas:** enabling/encouraging biodiversity. Providing educational resources associated with the natural environment e.g. nature reserves, woodland, scrub, wetlands, landscape planting). *Note recommended guideline is for at least 1.80 hectares per 1000 population within 720m from dwellings.*
 4. **Green corridors:** creating sustainable travel network promoting walking/cycling, providing access to open countryside and routes through urban areas. Enhancing semi-natural habitats and integrating green infrastructure into urban areas (e.g.trees, hedgerows, dry stone walls, verges, rights of way, green roads, cycling routes, bridleways).
 5. **History, culture & character:** preserving and enhancement of landscape features, (e.g.views, historic and cultural links, graveyards, ancient/important trees, hedgerows)
 6. **Food production:** providing community resources and educational opportunities, (e.g. allotments, orchards). *Note recommended provision is at least 16 allotments (about 0.4 hectares) per 1000 people.*
 7. **Not yet Allocated:** new developments
- 8.1.6 **Based on the information informing the Green Infrastructure policy and the data provided from the mini survey 18 months ago, proposals will be drafted to go to public consultation in the New Year to align with consultation with the Neighbourhood Plan to avoid a risk of consultation fatigue with the public.**

8.2 Financial, Legal and Risk Implications

8.2.1 There are none arising from this report.

8.3 Recommendation

8.3.1 That the report is received and noted.

STRATEGIC PLAN AREA: RESIDENTS LIFESTYLE - OUTDOOR, LUKE KIRTON

Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• numerous and diverse green spaces• accessible town centre green spaces• trees• views• landscape setting, hilltop with AONB nearby• community involvement - Tree Group/Open Spaces Group• bee friendly
Weaknesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• North Dorset does not have a Green Infrastructure Strategy unlike South East Dorset• fewer green spaces of quality and far fewer allotments on East and North side of town than South and West• inconsistent / poor management• biodiversity not always considered• poor/inappropriate planting• changes made without consultation• allotment allocation haphazard• poor signage• footpaths not suitable for those with mobility issues• footpaths not maintained• unattractive hard surfaces - tarmac etc particularly on important town centre sites and many footpaths on Eastern development• felling of significant trees in town centre• exercise equipment underused• over-reliance on volunteers
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• creation of network of linked pathways and cycle routes• education• guided walks• increased community involvement• protection of views - looking both up and down• promotion of outdoor activities to improve health and well-being for all ages• promotion of historic and cultural links - Hardy's Way, SAVED project, Castle Hill etc• use of trees/ hedging/sympathetic/native planting to screen, provide green corridors/frame views/increase biodiversity• protection of important green spaces• define enhanced maintenance regime• define the town edge and mark gateways• support development of Green Infrastructure Strategy
Threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• negative impact of increased use of and access to green spaces to the environment and wildlife - litter, dog waste, erosion etc

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• building development - further encroachment on green spaces• local government with less control as more land sold to private developers
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**Report 1118ROSE9 to a meeting of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment
Committee**
**To be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20 November 2018 in the Council Chamber,
Shaftesbury Town Hall**

9 Tree Charter

To receive and note activities relating to the anniversary of the Tree Charter

9.1 Summary

- 9.1.1 In 2017 Shaftesbury Town Council pledged its support to the Tree Charter. It is the Anniversary of the Tree Charter on 24 November.
- 9.1.2 The Council contacted the Shaftesbury Tree Group to look at ways to promote the occasion. Their response was *“As climate change is being taken more seriously, it becomes imperative that we give people a sense that they can do something to help locally. Trees do us enormous favours and direct good. More media time is being spent arguing for more care for and more planting of trees: we are ahead of the game, though not far enough.”*
- 9.1.3 Some of the work that is being undertaken is;
- the Tree Survey of the town's trees
 - the success of the Tree Walk leaflet (financially supported by STC)
 - the Tree Walks that have attracted many new people (some details below).
- 9.1.4 Shaftesbury Tree Group is raising awareness and educating people about the local trees
- 9.1.5 3000 leaflets printed and are being distributed via TIC, Grosvenor Hotel, shops, cafes, etc. So far, approx 2,000 leaflets have been taken.
- 9.1.6 Numbers of people participating : Walk 1 - 63 people; Walk 2 - 31, Walk 3 (raining) - 20+
- 9.1.7 The Woodland Trust are having a Tree Charter day at Duncliffe Wood on 24th November.
- 9.1.8 More information about getting involved can be found at
https://campaigns.woodlandtrust.org.uk/page/30754/data/1?utm_campaign=2216402_B04_11181_Oct18_Charterenews_181002&utm_medium=email&utm_source=woodlandtrust&dm_i=2D76,1BI6Q,8OB4OX,4A7H3,1

9.2 Financial, Legal and Risk Implications

- 9.2.1 None – this report is for update purposes only.

9.3 Recommendation

- 9.3.1 That the report is received and noted.

STRATEGIC PLAN AREA: EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT, PHIL PROCTOR

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