



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, 18 September 2018 commencing at 7pm.

Members Present

Councillor Hall (Chair)
Councillor Kirton

Councillor Cook
Councillor Loader

Absent:

Councillors Jackson, and Proctor

Officers Present:

Claire Commons, Town Clerk
Zoe Moxham, Office Administrator
Andy Dodd, Head Groundsman

In Attendance:

3 members of public
2 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 made the following comments:
 - pleased to see a strategy for play and recreation taking form and would like to see as much public consultation as possible.
 - to resolve the issue of sap making St James' path slippery the overhanging boughs could be cut right back.
 - the footpaths in Shaftesbury should be viewed as an asset to improve and any issues should be resolved.
 - pleased to see progress with Mampitts square land and the Jubilee steps railings.
 - Is concerned over the maintenance works needed at Castle Hill.

R16 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Proctor and Jackson due to personal commitments.

R17 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

All members were invited to declare any interests throughout the meeting if the need arose.

R18 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th February and 19th June 2018. They were duly signed.

R19 Officer Report

Officer report 0918ROSE4 was received and noted.

R20 Play and Recreation Strategy

Officer report 0918ROSE5 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to delegate to Officers in consultation with the Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Plan advisory Committee, the Open Spaces group and the ROSE committee to produce a draft Play and Recreation Strategy plan to be adopted at the end of March 2018.

ACTION: FINANCE AND SERVICES OFFICER

R21 Budget

Officer report 0918ROSE6 was received and noted.

R22 St James Path

Officer report 0918ROSE7 was received it was **RESOLVED** to close off the Path on the 19th of September, provide information signs for closures and obtain an independent Health and Safety assessment.

ACTION: FINANCE AND SERVICES OFFICER

R23 Definitive Footpath

Officer report 0918ROSE8 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to identify in the next two months the top three footpaths that are most in need of maintenance, in consultation with ROSE, STC Officers, Open Spaces, The Walking for Health group and Dorset County Council. And to create a yearly review to identify the top three footpaths in need.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

R24 Mampitts Square

Officer report 0918ROSE9 was received and the following was **RESOLVED**;

- to specify to Persimmon Homes a 6ft Deer fence on the West, East and South boundary.

- to organise an initial public consultation based on results of the survey, draw up plans for options arising from that consultation and progress to final consultation before implementation.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

R25 Enmore Green Play Area

Officer report 0918ROSE10 was received it was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council to appoint supplier C, Wickstead Play to install new play equipment totalling £8,500.

ACTION: FINANCE AND SERVICES OFFICER

R26 Jubilee Steps Railings

Officer report 0918ROSE11 was received it was **RESOLVED** to delegate to the Town Clerk in consultation with Councillors Hall and Proctor to create a concise second draft design brief with the detail of the plan and begin consultation with identified stakeholders.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

R27 A30 Allotments

Officer report 0918ROS12 was received and noted.

R28 Trees

Officer report 0918ROSE13 was received it was **RESOLVED** to appoint supplier 1, Nick Baxter (costing £2650 plus £155 to tag all trees) to carry out a tree survey on all Shaftesbury Town Council owned trees and remedial work on the poplars at St James' Park.

ACTION: FINANCE AND SERVICES OFFICER

R29 Barton Hill Recreation Ground

Officer report 0918ROSE14 was received and noted.

R30 Castle Hill

Officer report 0918ROSE15 was received and noted.

R31 Town Entrance Tree

Officer report 0918ROSE16 was received it was **RESOLVED** to support planting trees to mark the entrance to Shaftesbury on the A350.

ACTION: FINANCE AND SERVICES OFFICER

R32 Relocating Gym Equipment

Officer report 0918ROSE17 was received it was **RESOLVED** contrary to the officer recommendation to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council to release funds amounting to £5,500 to move the adult equipment from the children's play area at Wincombe Park to reinstall next to the current adult equipment on the grass.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

R33 Oktoberfest 2018

Officer report 0918ROSE18 was received and noted.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.17pm.

Signed

Date