



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, 12 November 2019 commencing at 7.30pm.

Members Present

Councillor Hall
Councillor Cook
Councillor Proctor

Councillor Yeo
Councillor Loader

Officers Present:

Claire Commons, Town Clerk
Brie Logan, Business Manager
Zoe Moxham, Office Administrator
Mike Wakely, Head Groundsman

In Attendance:

3 members of public

MINUTES

Public Participation

Members of the public were invited to make representations to the Council on any matters relating to the work of the Committee or to raise any issues of concern. The following matters were raised;

- **Tree Planting** – Support for the additional tree planting at Wincombe Recreation Ground and Ash Close was expressed.
- **Wildflower Verges** – Support for this project was expressed.

Meeting Commenced: 7:35 pm

R29 Apologies

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

R30 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

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

- R30a Councillor Yeo and the Town Clerk declared an interest in Item 4, Reports (Mampitts Bus Gate Update) due to living in close proximity to the area. Councillor Proctor declared an interest in Item 7, Cycle Speedway as a member of the Shaftesbury Rotary Club.

R31 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th October 2019 and the minutes were duly signed.

R32 Change of Business

It was **RESOLVED** to discuss Item 8, Donkey Field Orchard next for the convenience of the public attending for that Item.

R33 Donkey Field Community Orchard

7.43m Councillor Loader arrived at this point.

- R33a Officer report 1119ROSE8 was received and the following was **RESOLVED** to that the Donkey Field Community Orchard be registered with Fields in Trust via a Deed of Dedication.

- R33b It was **AGREED** to seek legal advice and to carry out research on other land in Shaftesbury to consider registering for the same protection.

ACTION: BUSINESS MANAGER

R34 Reports

- R34a Officer report 1119ROSE4 was received, it was noted that the blocked access to Wincombe Recreation Ground was a Persimmon Homes and Dorset Council matter that Shaftesbury Town Council was bringing to their attention.

R35 Southern Slopes

- R35a Officer report 1119ROSE5 was received and the following was **RESOLVED** to adopt the first draft Southern Slopes plan and provides additional feedback for incorporation into draft 2 ahead of presentation to Council.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

R36 Wildflower Verges Trial

Officer report 1119ROSE6 was received and it was **RESOLVED**;

- R36a to undertake the Wildflower verge trial in 5 locations across the town;
- (1) Christy's Lane/ Linden Park junction
 - (2) Royal Chase verge adjacent to the hotel
 - (3) Strip on the Royal Chase roundabout – South West position)

(4) A30 Salisbury Road verge

(5) New Road by underpass. All areas shown on the map on Appx B

R36b to delegate the selection of seeds (4 different varieties) to the Business Manager in consultation with Shaftesbury in Bloom and the Open Spaces Group.

R36c to introduce signage in each trial area to inform the public of the benefits of wildflower verges.

R36d It was **AGREED** to carry out public engagement using Social Media during the trial to share information regarding the project.

ACTION: BUSINESS MANAGER

R37 Cycle Speedway

R37a Officer report 1119ROSE7 was received and it was **RESOLVED** that the Council does not take on the Cycle Speedway project.

R37b It was **AGREED** to look at cycle options on the land at Mampitts and the SUDs.

ACTION: BUSINESS MANGER

R38 Hire of Council Land request

Officer report 1119ROSE9 was received and it was **RESOLVED**;

R38a to embrace this event as a benefit to supporting the community and the economic benefits associated with the Fringe weekend

R38b to treat this request as non- commercial and waive the hire of council policy charges as an isolated request.

ACTION: BUSINESS MANAGER

R39 Tree Planting proposal in Wincombe recreation ground and Ash Close

Officer report 1119ROSE10 was received and it was **RESOLVED** that the Council supports additional tree planting and recommends that the information within this report (1119ROSE10) is included in the emerging Tree Plan.

ACTION: BUSINESS MANAGER

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:09pm.

Signed

Date

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