



SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Recreation, Open Spaces & Environment Committee

Minutes of the Recreation, Open Spaces & Environment Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8LY on Tuesday, 15 May 2018 commencing at 7:30pm.

Members Present

Councillor Jackson
Councillor Loader

Councillor Kirton (Vice-Chair)

Absent:

Councillors Cook, Hall and Proctor

Officers Present:

Claire Commons, Town Clerk

In Attendance:

Councillor Lewer

6 members of the public

1 member of the press

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;

- Jubilee Path – Concern that there was no notification of the works prior to the path being installed. Unhappy with aesthetics and use by skateboarders and scooters.
- Himalayan Balsam – noted that there was a rust fungus that can be introduced which may manage the invasive plant.
- Planting schemes – request that they are pollinator friendly and if possible organic.

R01 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Cook and Proctor due to personal commitments and Councillor Hall due to work commitments.

R02 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

All members were invited to declare any interests throughout the meeting if the need arose, there were no declarations made.

R03 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 20 March 2018 and the minutes were duly signed.

R04 Forest School

R04a Officer report 0518ROSE4 was received. It was **AGREED** to refuse permission for the time being until further investigation had been carried out in relation to more detailed plans and requirements of the land for the Town Council.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

R05 Oktoberfest

R05a Officer report 0518ROSE11 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the request in principle and to review the Hire of Council Land policy at the General Management Committee meeting scheduled for 16th June 2018.

R05b It was **AGREED** that the Town Clerk and Councillor Jackson as Lead Councillor for reviewing governance would review the detail of the event and required governance processes.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK & CLLR JACKSON

R06 Open Spaces Meeting Outcomes

R06a Officer report 0518ROSE5 was received and an update provided on the transfer for land at Salisbury Street. It was **RESOLVED** to request permission from Dorset County Council to plant bee friendly trees and shrubs at the land adjacent to 46 Salisbury Street.

ACTION: Town Clerk

R07 Planting Scheme for the Town

R07a Officer report 0518ROSE6 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to; invite residents of Victoria Street and the Twinning Association to be involved in the regeneration of Brionne Garden;

ACTION: CLLR KIRTON

R07b Request permission of Dorset County Council for the grounds team to plant and maintain the entrance beds to the Bell Street Carpark;

ACTION: FINANCE AND SERVICES OFFICER

R07c Approve the proposals for planting the ROSE gardens subject to necessary permission being granted by Historic England for any tree removals or planting.

ACTION: FINANCE AND SERVICES OFFICER

R08 Play Inspection Report

R08a Officer report 0518ROSE7 was received and noted.

R09 Recreation Areas repairs and replacement equipment

R09a Officer report 0518ROSE8 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to; carry out the repairs to the skatepark as identified;

R09b **RECOMMEND** to Full Council expenditure of £9485 for a replacement funbox at the Skate Park subject to consultation with children who had approached the council to be involved in improvement plans.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

R09c **DEFER** until June replacing equipment at Enmore Green and St James' Park until alternative designs and safety surfaces can be investigated.

ACTION: CLLR KIRTON

R09d **DEFER** until June repairs to the outdoor gym equipment until further discussions with the supplier have been held

ACTION: FINANCE AND SERVICES OFFICER

R10 Swimming Pool

R10a Officer report 0518ROSE9 was received and noted.

R11 Football Club

R11a Officer report 0518ROSE10 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to enter into an agreement with the Football Club to cut the pitch and to delegate the details of the agreement to the Town Clerk in consultation with Cllr Jackson.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK AND CLLR JACKSON

R12 Sign Cleaning

R12a Officer report 0518ROSE12 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to allocate ½ day staff time for cleaning and supervising the cleaning of signs within the town.

ACTION: HEAD GROUNDSMAN

R13 Jubilee Path – Post Implementation Review

R13a Officer report 0518ROSE13 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to **DEFER** until June to allow completion of the review and obtain costs for grass seed and banking up the edge of the path.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK AND CLLR KIRTON

R14 Invasive Non-Native Plants

R14a Officer report 0518ROSE14 was received and noted. It was **AGREED** to investigate Rust Fungus as a method of treating invasive non-native plants.

ACTION: HEAD GROUNDSMAN

R15 Reports

R15a Officer report 0518ROSE15 relating to Breach Common, Jubilee Railings and the handrail at Gold Hill was received and noted

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.09pm.

Signed

Date