



## 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, 28 May 2019 commencing at 7.30pm.

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**Members Present**

Councillor Cook, Chair	Councillor Hall, Chair
Councillor Proctor	Councillor Loader
Councillor Pritchard, Vice Chair	Councillor Prichard
Councillor Welch	Councillor Yeo

**Absent:**

None

**Officers Present:**

Claire Commons, Town Clerk  
Brie Logan, Business Manager  
Julie Curtis, Office Administrator  
Mike Wakely, Head Groundsman

**In Attendance:**

5 members of public, (two representing Shaftesbury Open Spaces Group)  
1 member of the press  
Councillor Prichard  
Councillor Welch  
Councillor Hollingshead

### 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;

- **Emerald Green** – Concerns expressed regarding impromptu camping (tents) in various locations around the town. Specifically, above Castle Hill and Enmore Green. Police aware.
- **Member of the press** – An enquiry was made as to whether the final auditors report had been received by the Council. Clerk confirmed awaiting final report.

- **Grounds Staff training** – An enquiry was made as to what training was provided to Grounds Team Staff. Clerk confirmed training requirements were continually monitored and managed appropriately and that the HR Committee may consider an Apprenticeship Policy to support future grounds team resource requirements.

## **R1 Election of Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Officer report 0519ROSE1 was received and it was **RESOLVED**;

- R1a That Councillor Hall serve as Chairman of the ROSE Committee for the Municipal Year 2019/2020.
- R1b That Councillor Pritchard serve as Vice Chairman of the ROSE Committee for the Municipal year 2019/2020.

ACTION: CLERK

## **R2 Apologies**

All ROSE Committee Councillors present.

## **R3 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

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

## **R4 Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019. They were duly signed. Two typographical errors corrected.

## **R5 Officer Report**

Officer report 0519ROSE5 was received and noted.

- R5a Swimming Pool: The Business Manager presented an update on progress to date at the pool. Specially: 15 lifeguards recruited and inducted and 3-year succession/recourse plan in place. Very positive feedback received from the public (showers, feature wall and changing rooms), and significant increase in sales and bookings on previous years over the same time period. On behalf of the Council Councillor Proctor thanked Staff and all stakeholders for their hard work in ensuring the Swimming Pools' success.
- R5b Play and Recreation Strategy: It was **AGREED** that Councillors Hall, Yeo and Pritchard would work together with the Grounds Team to consider and draft a strategy that would maximise the potential of all open spaces and play areas within the Town, ensuring that the needs of all of the Towns' community are considered.
- R5c Antisocial behaviour – Barton Hill Recreational Ground: Clerk informed the Committee of the concerns expressed by members of the public following recent events at Barton Hill Rec. That a meeting had taken place with the

Police with a few options discussed to prevent similar occurrences in the future, and a desire to take a holistic approach in the future. A meeting is planned for July with the Police together with the Councillors with Crime and Youth Lead Roles.

- R5d Clerk reported that 3 'Wild About Shaftesbury' submissions had been received.

ACTION: CLERK

## R6 Order of Business

It was **RESOLVED** to change the order of the meeting to allow item 7, Salisbury Street Green followed by item 8 Park Walk Slopes.

## R7 Salisbury Street Green

Officer report 0519ROSE7 was received and it was **RESOLVED**.

- R7a That the area is planted with pollinated plants that flower throughout the year, that the lower area of the small slope to be planted to attract non-stinging bees and the higher area to be allowed to grow with dandelions and other wildflowers to attract a wider range of wildlife.

- R7b To install an 'information board' be erected in the area detailing the 'pollinator friendly areas' within the Town and detail wildlife updates.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

## R8 Park Walk Slopes

Officer report 0519ROSE8 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to liaise with the Open Spaces Group to draft a management plan for the vegetation on the slopes adjacent to Park Walk to bring draft plan to next ROSE Committee Meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

## R6 Play Inspection

Officer report 0519ROSE6 was received and noted.

## R9 Dog Waste

Officer report 0519ROSE9 was received and it was **RESOLVED**;

- R9a To permit the placement of dog waste bag dispensers at Wincombe Lane and Mampitts Lane.

- R9b To place a further 6 dog waste bag dispensers around the Town, the locations yet to be determined following consultation with the Grounds Team and other stakeholders.

R9c To consider options for the siting of additional Bins and other street furniture in areas where the roads/paths have yet to be adopted by Dorset Council.

**ACTION: CLERK**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

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Signed

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