



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 January 2020 commencing at 7.30pm.

Members Present

Councillor Hall (Chair)
Councillor Cook

Councillor Yeo
Councillor Loader

Members Absent

Councillor Proctor

Councillor Prichard

Officers Present:

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

In Attendance:

7 members of public
1 member of the press
Councillor Brown
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 Committee or to raise any issues of concern. The following matters were raised;

- **Shaftesbury book festival** – Plans were outlined for 'READING the LAND Shaftesbury Book Festival' due to take place November 2020.
- **Snowdrop event** – Plans were outlined for the Shaftesbury Snowdrop season for February 2020 and information was given about the BBC's plan to record in Shaftesbury for the program Country File.

- **Tree planting proposals** – Shaftesbury Tree Group presented a five year tree planting plan in response to the Climate emergency and are working collaboratively with Shaftesbury Town Council and the community.
- **Footpath No.32** – Concern was raised regarding the notice of closure for footpath No. 32 to be in place for an initial 26 weeks due to building works. *The Town Clerk responded that the developers had assured the Council that a diversion would be in place whilst this footpath was closed and will contact the developers to provide an update. Councillor Cook agreed to contact Dorset Council to try and ensure a diversion be put in place.*

ACTION: TOWN CLERK AND COUNCILLOR COOK

Meeting Commenced: 7:52 pm

R40 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Proctor due to personal commitments and Councillor Prichard due to a conflicting engagement.

R41 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

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

R42 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2019 and the minutes were duly signed.

R43 Officer report

Officer report 0120ROSE4 was received and noted.

R44 Asset review

Officer report 0120ROSE5 was received and it was **RESOLVED**;

R44a To **RECOMMEND** to Full Council to purchase 2 Kabota ride on mowers and part exchange the redundant and unsuitable equipment.

R44b That the bowser and trailer are donated to Shaftesbury in Bloom and a written agreement be prepared to allow Shaftesbury Town Council use of the bowser if needed. *Delegate to the Town Clerk all aspects in the discharge of this decision.*

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

R45 Tree plan

Officer report 0120ROSE6 was received and it was **RESOLVED**;

R45a To adopt the five-year tree plan for Shaftesbury

R45b To adopt the year one (2020/ 2021) tree planting plan

- R45c To adopt the need to develop a community engagement plan in collaboration with the Tree Group.
- R45d To commits up to a £3,000 investment for the 2020/ 2021 financial year to undertake year one planting, nurturing and deliver the maintenance schedule in collaboration with the Tree Group.
- R45e To work in collaboration with Guy's Marsh/ Build Love to construct tree guards for the trees that require structural support.
- R45f** To delegate the management and support of the Tree Plan to the Business Manager in collaboration with the Tree Group and wider Shaftesbury community.
- R45g To adopt the Ash Close tree planting plan for 2019/ 2020 as a separate planting scheme and to advertise this plan to the community, using leaflets to inform nearby residents of the plan, and for planting to take place on a weekend in early March 2020.

ACTION: BUSINESS MANAGER

R46 Southern slopes

Officer report 0120ROSE7 was received and it was **RESOLVED**;

- R46a To **RECOMMEND** to Full Council delegation to the Town Clerk for expenditure up to £5,000 (within budget lines for this project) to allow swift progress of securing contracted works and ordering of materials.

- R46b** To **RECOMMEND** to Full Council to adopt the Southern Slopes Management Plan and delegates all decisions for its implementation to the Town Clerk and the ROSE Committee in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations and any specific delegations resolved upon.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:06 pm.

Signed

Date

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