



SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

## Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee

Minutes of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee via Zoom on Tuesday, 17 November 2020 commencing at 7 pm.

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### Members Present

Councillor Hall (Chair)  
Councillor Loader  
Councillor Cook

Councillor Proctor  
Councillor Lewer  
Councillor Brown (arrived at 7.31 pm)

### Officers Present:

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

### In Attendance:

Dorset Councillor Beer  
2 members of the press  
3 members of the public

## MINUTES

The Town Clerk informed the participants that the meeting was being recorded.

### 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.

- Support was expressed for the installation of a dropped curb at Barton Hill.
- Support was expressed for finding a solution for unauthorised cars accessing Park walk.

Meeting Commenced: 7:05 pm

### R12 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillor Brown who would be running late for this meeting.

**R13 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

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

**R14 Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and approve them for signing. With one amendment – to change ‘officers’ absent to ‘members’ absent.

**R15 Reports for Information**

Officer report 1020ROSE4 was received and noted.

R16 It was **AGREED** to prepare a report for Planters on Park walk to be recommended to the General Management Committee for resolution

R17 It was **AGREED** to scope out a plan for Goats grazing on the slopes at Castle Hill.

**R16 Cemetery Rose Garden**

R18 Officer report 1020ROSE5 was received and it was **RESOLVED**; to identify an appropriate location within the cemetery for siting a rose garden. Delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Grounds team, and

to include a memorial rose lease section within the memorial policy and that the Town Clerk be authorised to take all such steps as she considers necessary to comply with the Council resolution.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

**R17 Barton Hill**

Officer report 1020ROSE6 was received.

7:31 pm Councillor Brown joined the meeting at this point.

R19 It was **RESOLVED** to commit £1,000 from general reserves to fund and install a dropped kerb to serve Barton Hill recreation ground from Little Content Lane. To bring back to the committee for a decision if there is a shortfall in funds for this project and more is required.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

**R18 Policies Review**

Officer report 1020ROSE7 was received, and it was **RESOLVED**:

- R20 To make some minor grammatical amendments to the Environmental Biodiversity Policy and recommend to Full Council for adoption. Officers delegated to make these changes.
- R21 To make some minor grammatical amendments, and the following amendments to the Hire of Council Land Policy:
- Park Walk to be included as a venue for hire
  - Add in - The Council reserves the right to withdraw permission to use the venue, in the event of adverse weather conditions making the land unsuitable for hire. In the event of this happening an alternative date will be offered to the Hirer at no additional expense or the Council will repay any fees paid but shall be under no liability for expense incurred or loss sustained by Hirer as a result of the cancellation.
  - An hourly rate of hire to accommodate requests from outdoor fitness/wellbeing groups.

To bring back to this committee for approval once amended. Officers delegated to make these changes.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

**R19 Dorset Council's Climate Emergency Strategy and Action Plan**

- R22 Officer report 1020ROSE9 was received and the following was **RESOLVED** to delegate to the Town Clerk to form a corporate response in consultation with the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment committee members.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

**R20 Rights of Way Officer**

Officer report 1020ROSE10 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to support the recruitment process to actively promote the vacancy of the volunteer Rights of Way Liaison Officer volunteer.

ACTION: BUSINESS MANAGER

**R21 Castle Green Yoga**

- R23 Officer report 1020ROSE11 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to receive and note the report and consider the community benefits when looking at 2021 activity linked to the STC strategic Plan.

ACTION: BUSINESS MANAGER

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.15 pm.

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Signed

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