



SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee

Minutes of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee via Zoom on Tuesday, 08 June 2021 commencing at 7 pm.

Members Present

Councillor Hall (Chair)
Councillor Proctor
Councillor Lewer

Councillor Cook
Councillor Brown
Councillor Loader

Officers Present:

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

In Attendance:

Councillor Edwyn-Jones
1 member of the press
3 members of the 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.

Wildflowers – Concern was expressed regarding the wildflowers on the roundabout where plots are maintained by Shaftesbury in Bloom. The wildflowers are over taking the plots which bring in income from sponsorship. *It was agreed to try and resolve this with Dorset Council in collaboration with Shaftesbury and Bloom and Shaftesbury Town Council Officers.*

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Meeting Commenced: 7.05 pm

SODR1 Apologies

No apologies were received.

SODR2 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

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

SODR3 Minutes

(R) It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2021 were accurate and should be recommended for approval at the next formal meeting of this committee.

ACTION: OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

SODR4 Officer Reports

Officer report 0621ROSE4 was received and noted.

(D) It was agreed that Councillor Cook and the Town Clerk would contact Highways to find out when the next treatment to the Cobbles on Gold Hill was taking place.

ACTION: OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

SODR5 Members Motion – Persimmons and Wincombe Park Path

(D) Officer report 0621ROSE5 was received and it was agreed that the council would contact Persimmon Homes to negotiate to form a pedestrian access from the Bluebells through the fence into Wincombe Park, and form a path linking through to the perimeter path.

ACTION: OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

SODR6 Improvements to Wincombe Recreations Ground

(D) Officer report 0621ROSE6 was received and it was agreed to delegate to the clerk the following improvements at Wincombe Recreation Ground;

Purchase two replacement rustic log benches.

Repairs be carried out to the sections of path that become waterlogged.

ACTION: FINANCE AND SERVICES OFFICER

It was agreed that Councillor Proctor and Councillor Edwyn-Jones would meet on site with the head groundsman to discuss a design to improve the southwest access point.

ACTION: HEAD GROUNDSMAN, COUNCILLORS PROCTOR & EDWYN-JONES

SODR7 Wildflower Management Plan

(D) Officer report 0621ROSE7 was received and the committee provided approval for this management plan, and delegates the next steps to the Town Clerk to manage under the Scheme of Delegation as per the Full Council resolution dated 20/4/2021

ACTION: BUSINESS MANAGER

SODR8 Parking Options

Officer report 0621ROSE8 was received and approval was **not** given for temporary parking on the Cockram's site.

SODR9 New Litter Bins

(D) Officer report 0621ROSE9 was received and the committee provided approval for the of transfer £1179.08 from Grounds Repair and Maintenance Budget Line (4250/103) to EMR Street Furniture (4910/901) to cover the cost of 4 new litter bins and delegates the next steps to the Town Clerk to manage under the Scheme of Delegation as per the Full Council resolution dated 20/4/2021

SODR10 Castle Hill Management Plan

(D) Officer report 0621ROSE10 was received and the committee indicated approval for the updated Castle Hill Management Plan and feed all the comments received back from stakeholders to the Rangers for inclusion. To delegate the next steps to the Town Clerk to manage under the Scheme of Delegation as per the Full Council resolution dated 20/4/2021

It was agreed that Councillor Cook and the Town Clerk would contact Highways to find out if signage to warn of pedestrians on the road for the section of footpath N1/24 on St Johns Hill could be installed for safety.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

SODR11 A30 Allotments Screening

(D) Officer report 0621ROSE11 was received and the committee agrees that the situation be monitored for 6 months, whilst liaising with the residents and bring back to this committee to make a final decision on screening based on feedback from residents and delegates the next steps to the Town Clerk to manage under the Scheme of Delegation as per the Full Council resolution dated 20/4/2021.

ACTION: FINANCE AND SERVICES OFFICER

SODR12 Coppice Street Play Area Fencing

(D) Officer report 0621ROSE12 was received and it was agreed that a quote be sought for wooden post and rail with wire fencing, and parallel hedge planting.

ACTION: FINANCE AND SERVICES OFFICER

SODR13 Park Walk Access

(D) Officer report 0621ROSE13 was received and it was agreed to delegate to the Town Clerk to carry out more research on options for this, including research on any protection the wall or kissing gate may have from a planning perspective. To bring back to committee with more information.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

SODR14 Ambassador Programme

(D) Officer report 0621ROSE14 was received and approval was given for Shaftesbury to be included in the Volunteer Ambassador programme, and delegates the next steps to the Town Clerk to manage under the Scheme of Delegation as per the Full Council resolution dated 20/4/2021

ACTION: BUSINESS MANAGER

SODR15 Asset Disposal

(D) Officer report 0621ROSE15 was received and members agreed to the part exchange of the mower, and delegates the next steps to the Town Clerk to manage under the Scheme of Delegation as per the Full Council resolution dated 20/4/2021

ACTION: FINANCE AND SERVICES OFFICER

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.29 pm.

Signed

Date