

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2017

Present: Councillor A Bradford – Chairman
Councillors: E Fieldhouse M Eager
M Eakin A Manns
N Morris J Roberts
H Wilce

In Attendance: K Mitchell

E.76 - 10.17 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D Baker, R Barnes, A Crowe, K Francis and J Simpson.

E.77 - 10.17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared at this point in the meeting.

E.78 - 10.17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public commented that young people do want a shelter at the recreation ground and would be happy to talk to councillors about their opinions. The Chairman thanked him for his comments and said that as it was not an agenda item, the matter would not be discussed at the meeting.

E.79 - 10.17 MINUTES

1. Members clarified the following omissions/corrections in the draft Minutes of the Environment & Leisure Committee meeting held on 14th September, 2017, copies having been previously circulated, and considered any action required:
Referring to E.64-09.17- Public Participation - A local resident had highlighted an inaccuracy in a comment attributed to him in the first paragraph.

RESOLVED: To delete the following text “... with the brick wall requiring maintenance”.

Referring to E.66, 5.1, - Cemetery - The Clerk sought clarification as to whether a quotation for works to trees had been considered and decided upon. Members recalled that a separate vote had been taken at the Full Council meeting on 28th September, 2017 to approve the works. The Clerk was instructed to put the works in hand.

Referring to E.69-09.17, 3 - Dog Hill Wood – members confirmed that the resolution had been amended at the Full Council meeting on 28th September to read ‘...residents **be asked to** part fund the cost’.

Referring to E.72-09.17, - Working Parties and Task & Finish Groups - The Clerk sought clarification on the approval of the reports and any recommendations contained within. Reports from the Christmas Lights meetings held on 5 July, 25th July and 7th August had been noted.

RESOLVED: To approve and adopt the reports as presented.

The Clerk advised that there was no Minute relating to Correspondence. The Chairman confirmed that there had been no items of correspondence brought to the Committee's attention at the meeting.

RESOLVED: That a Minute be included under the heading 'Correspondence'.

(Note: numbering of subsequent Minutes to be amended accordingly)

2. The Minutes of the Environment & Leisure Committee meeting held on 14th September, as amended, were confirmed as a correct record.

E.80 - 10.17 BUDGET 2018/19

Members considered the first draft of the budget required by the Environment & Leisure Committee budget for 2018/19, copies having been circulated.

Members reviewed the budget sums for each cost centre/nominal codes and made the following changes:

Cost centre & Nominal Code	Budget line	2017/18	2018/19
110/4237	Skate Park	10,000	15,000
118/4274	Speed Indicator Device – Move to ED & P Committee budget.		

Re-allocation of earmarked reserves were agreed as follows:

Cost centre & Nominal Code	Reserves	Before £	After £
102/4227	Memorial Testing	10,550	8,550
102/4250	Repairs/Trees/Improvements	0	2,000
	Total	10,550	10,550

Members were reminded that the draft budget for 2018/19 would be further reviewed at the next meeting.

E.81 - 10.17 CEMETERY

Members were advised that a request had been received for a memorial bench in the Cemetery.

RESOLVED: That this be referred to the Cemetery Working Party for consideration.

E.82 - 10.17 DOG HILL WOOD

Members noted correspondence from a local resident regarding further incidents of antisocial behaviour/vandalism in the cricket pitch area of Dog Hill Wood in that the waste bin had again been ripped from its base and thrown down the slope.

Members considered three quotations for a replacement 'anti- vandal' bin.

RESOLVED: To recommend the purchase of a hooded steel heavy duty bin (option 2) in the sum of £404.99 plus VAT.

E.83 - 10.17 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The contract for the Town Council's various amenity areas expires on 30th November, 2017. Members recognised the good work of the contractor whilst being mindful of the Operational Review (refer paras 5.1.7, 5.1.8 and 5.4.4) recommendation to consider the benefit of bringing the work in-house. The Clerk advised that a cost benefit comparison was being worked-up to aid decision making in this regard.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to extend the Grounds Maintenance contract until 30 November 2018.

E.84 - 10.17 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received other than referred to at E.79 and E.81.

E.85 - 10.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee will be held on 16th November 2017.

Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to raise items for inclusion on future agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this item is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

CHAIRMAN.....

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