

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting
of the Environment & Leisure Committee
held on Thursday 15th January 2015
in The Market House**

Present: Councillor: M Eager - Chairman
Councillors: A Bradford A Conway
A Crowe K Francis (VC)
C Jupp C Ridler
C Stallard-Daniels T Widdows
P Winter

In Attendance: Mrs K Mitchell - Clerk to the Council
Mrs M Bradman - Deputy Clerk
1 member of the press

E.68-01.15 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors R Barnes, P Bettington, D Durham, J Roberts, R Yeoman.

E.69-01.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

E.70-01.15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

E.71-01.15 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th November, 2014 copies having been previously circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

E.72-01.15 CEMETERY

Members discussed the possible refurbishment of the cemetery cottage for Town Council use. The Chairman asked members how they felt they would like to proceed; he informed the committee that the Groundsman, Mark Bateman, had expressed an interest in having the space made more accessible as a workshop to enable in-house servicing of grounds maintenance machinery and also as a more suitable storage area for tools and machinery etc. Members agreed that quotes for a basic refurbishment and alternative options should be presented to the Cemetery working party for further discussion.

E.73-01.15 THE CENTENARY FIELDS PROGRAMME

Members considered nominating the Recreation Ground for dedication as a Centenary Field in memory of those who gave their lives in World War I.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council be recommended to nominate the Recreation Ground as a Centenary Field.

E.74-01.15 DOG HILL WOOD

The maintenance contract for Dog Hill Wood is due to expire on 31st March, 2015. The deadline for receipt of completed tender documents is 12 noon on 20th January, 2015.

In accordance with Standing order No.29 c., the Committee is requested to appoint at least one member of the Council (plus the Deputy Clerk) to open and assess the tender documents after the aforementioned closing date and to make a recommendation to the Full Council meeting on the 5th February, 2015.

The Chairman explained that he had met with the interested contractors for a walk around Dog Hill Wood on 6th January, along with Councillors Francis, Ridler and the Deputy Clerk. It was proposed that the same Councillors be present during the opening of the tender documents and to make the recommendation to Full Council on 5th February.

RESOLVED: That Councillors Eager, Francis, Ridler and Deputy Clerk be present at the opening of the tender documents and to make a recommendation to Full Council on 5th February, 2015.

E.75-01.15 LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

Members were circulated with the final Cabinet Member approval for the New Lengthsman Scheme for 2015/16. The Town Council is advised that BBLP is planning 'launch workshops' towards the end of January and/or beginning of February and that Full guidance on the new scheme is under preparation and will be issued as soon as possible. Councillor Widdows informed members that he had received the dates of the work shop and would forward them to the Clerk for circulation.

RESOLVED: That a sub group to include Councillors Barnes, Eager, Francis, Jupp and Widdows attend the 'launch workshop' and meet up (date to be agreed) to discuss the outcome and report back to Full Council on 5th February.

E.76-01.15 OUTSIDE BODIES

- (i) **BROSPA**
Councillor Winter gave an update advising that the group had consulted with local children and identified the equipment required for the play area; the estimated cost being in the region of £20-25k. The group is investigating funding options available to them. In order to apply for the grants the group has set up a bank account and have started raising funds themselves, with £167 having been raised to date. The group will be holding another meeting on 26th January and Councillor Winter will keep the Town Council updated with their progress.
- (ii) No other reports were received.

E.77-01.15 CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

E.78-01.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee will be held on 19th February, 2015.
Members were reminded to inform the Clerk of any agenda items for the next meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.02pm

Chairman Date