

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Present: Councillor A Bradford – Chairman
Councillors: R. Barnes A. Crowe
M. Eager M. Eakin
A. Manns N Morris
J. Roberts H. Wilce

In Attendance: T. Ford (Acting Clerk)

E.62 - 09.17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from:

1. Cllr R. Baker
2. Cllr E. Fieldhouse
2. Cllr K. Francis
3. Cllr J. Simpson

E.63 – 09.17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr R. Barnes declared a Non-disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 10.1 Cemetery Working Party as he knew the person who requested the memorial bench.

E.64 – 09.17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr H informed the committee that he intended to make representation on agenda item 13.1 & 13.2. While on his bicycle on Riverside Walk he saw the state of the path, which was in a poor state, with the brick wall requiring maintenance. He also informed the committee that Herefordshire Council states the Riverside Walk was not a public footpath, therefore the owner needs to be identified. He also stated that the footpath needs maintaining and that Section 106 monies was available and it should be on an ongoing list.

Cllr Warmington informed the Parish Council that he intended to make representation on agenda item 13.2, and informed the committee that Mr H had written to everyone. He also informed the committee that he walked the Riverside Walk with the Locality Steward, who agrees that Lengthsman monies could be used as it was jointly funded. He also commented that although Riverside Walk was not a public right of way the path was distinctive and hoped that the Town Council would get the Lengthsman to do the work.

Parishioner D informed the committee that regarding the Christmas lights feedback is that everyone is chuffed to bits regarding the choice of Santa.

A Parishioner informed the committee that he was there regarding the cemetery and wanted to know what was happening. The Chairman enquired if his property was affected by the tree and was asked to identify the tree from photographs.

E.65 – 09.17 MINUTES

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the Environment and Leisure Committee meeting held on 29th June 2017, as a correct record.

E.66- 9.17 CEMETERY

5.1 The committee was informed that further correspondence had been received from the resident who complained about the Cedar tree dropping needles in his garden. At the request of the committee a second opinion was sought and the advice received was that Thuja (T46) and Cypress (T47) were healthy. The Cedar (T117) whilst healthy, was going to outgrow its space in a few years and would continue to cause problems. The committee also reviewed photographs. The update was noted.

5.2 The committee considered the only quote received in the sum of £1,210, there was a query why only one had been submitted. The committee was informed that quotations were proving difficult to get as contractors spend time doing quotes and are then unlikely to get the job.. It was also noted that the survey highlighted that the work was urgent.

Having considered the matter the committee unanimously resolved to accept the quotation from Dave Eggerton in the sum of £1,210.

Councillors requested that they were sent a copy of the quotation

5.3 The committee considered the quotations for the boundary wall repairs, having considered the matter that committee resolved to accept the quotation in the sum of £2,580.

The Chairman moved forward agenda item 11

E.67 – 9.17 LENGTHSMAN/P3

A copy of email exchanges explaining the issue had been circulated to councillors. Councillors considered the request from Cllr Warmington and a robust discussion took place. Having discussed the matter the committee

Resolved by a majority that the Town Council should not carry out the maintenance of Riverside Walk

Action Cllr Barnes to discuss with The Clerk the drafting and sending of a letter to Balfour Beatty.

E.68 – 9.17 CLOSED CHURCHYARD

The committee considered the opinion of the tree surgeon with regards to the storm damaged tree.

Having considered the matter the committee resolved unanimously to accept the quotation of £400.00 from Ben Andrews.

E.69 - 9.17 Dog Hill Wood

1 The Committee was informed that regarding the police investigation into the damage to the picnic table at the cricket pitch, three young lads who have never been in trouble before have been identified as the persons responsible for the damage, the police were suggesting a 'Community Resolution Order' which means that they get a record and have to pay the cost to replace/repair the damage, The estimated cost being £400.00 plus VAT for the table plus any fitting required.

The committee considered the matter and **resolved to accept the recommendation of the police.**

- 2 The committee considered and noted the correspondence from local residents regarding further incidents of vandalism in the cricket pitch area of Dog Hill Wood.
- 3 The committee considered three quotations for the installation of CCTV in the cricket pitch area of Dog Hill Wood. Having considered the **matter resolved by a majority that the quotation in the sum of £1,235.25 plus VAT received from Sentinel be accepted subject to confirmation that the cost included the installation of a fully working system and that the residents part funding the cost.**

E.70 – 9.17 WAR MEMORIAL

The committee considered three submissions for the repairs to the war memorial and **resolved that the estimate from Philippa Fawcett Conservations in the sum of £12,180.46 be accepted.**

E.71 – 9.17 RECREATION GROUND

- 1 The committee noted the outcome of the Annual Safety Report.
- 2 The committee considered the supply and installation of a news transition plate to the skateboard ramp and **resolved unanimously that the cost of £585 plus VAT be authorised.**
- 3 The committee considered the options of removal or relocation of the shelter, having considered the matter the committee **resolved by a majority to defer the matter until a site visit could be arranged and that the site visit was to be made as soon as possible.**

It was noted that Cllr Francis had carried out a survey regarding possible anti-social behaviour on the site. The committee asked that he report back to their next meeting.

E.72 – 9.17 WORKING PARTIES AND TASK AND FINISH GROUPS

1. Christmas lights Working Party 5th July 2017, 25th July 2017, and 7th August 2017(noted)
2. October Fair Working Party 23rd August 2017
3. Cemetery Working Party 29th August 2017

E.73 – 9.17 CONSULTATIONS

Following a brief discussion this item was noted

E.74 – 9.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee will be held on 12th October 2017.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.11pm

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