

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd JULY 2015**

Present: Councillor: M Eager - Chairman
Councillors: D Baker R Barnes
P Bettington M Eakin
E Fieldhouse K Francis
A Manns J Roberts
N Roberts R Yeoman

In Attendance: Mrs K Mitchell - Clerk to the Council
Mrs M Bradman - Deputy Clerk

E.15-07.15 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors A Crowe, A Harrison, E Harvey, S Widdows.

E.16-07.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

E.17-07.15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

E.18-07.15 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th May 2015, copies having been previously circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

E.19-07.15 DOG HILL WOOD

Members were advised that no quotations for tree works to open up the vista from the 'cricket pitch' had been received in time for the meeting, but that one of the tree surgeons invited to quote for the works had requested a site visit to ascertain the work involved.

RESOLVED: That Councillors Eager, Francis, Manns and Barnes (if available), attend the site visit.

E.20-07.15 RECREATION GROUND

The Clerk advised that Fields in Trust had confirmed that they would be happy to protect the Recreation Ground under the Centenary Fields programme and that as part of the process, the Council would be required to register the land at the Land Registry and obtain an up to date valuation of the land.

Members considered for approval, the draft deed between Ledbury Town Council and National Playing Fields Association, copies having been circulated.

Recommendation to Full Council: That the Non-Charitable Deed of Dedication be approved for signature on completion by the Clerk in consultation with the Committee Chairman.

That the Clerk proceed with all necessary arrangements to register the land with the Land Registry.

E.21-07.15 WORKING PARTY REPORTS

1. Christmas Lights

Members were circulated with the report from the meeting held on 1st June 2015.

Concern was raised about the logistics of holding a toy auction underneath the Market House. It was agreed that alternative options should be considered at the next working party meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted.

2. Recreation Ground

Members were circulated with the report from the meeting held on 9th June 2015.

Referring to item 4.4 - Rubbish Bin - It was agreed that an additional bin should be installed between the Recreation Ground car park and the shelter.

Referring to Item 5.10 - Management Plan. It was confirmed that the grass strip between the Recreation Ground and car park was in Town Council ownership.

Referring to 5.11 - Management Plan. It was agreed that the investigation of grass cutting in Queens Walk garden and Maintenance of the Town Trail should be removed from the Management Plan and discussed as a separate devolved services issue.

The Chairman reported that the idea of using solar lighting for the footpaths had been raised at the walkabout on 18th June. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next working party with the relevant costing and information.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted.

Recommendation to Full Council: To approve the recommendations contained within the report, as amended above.

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act, a resolution was passed to exclude the public and press during discussion of the following agenda items. The confidential nature being the consideration of quotations.

3. Cemetery

Members were circulated with the report from the meeting held on 29th June 2015 and considered the recommendations contained therein.

Referring to Item 4: Fence Replacement: An additional quotation had been received. Following discussion it was,

RESOLVED: To reject the recommendation as presented and to replace with the following:

Recommendation to Full Council: To accept the quotation for a replacement fence in the sum of £3,900 and for the work to start in October, providing that on inspection, the fence is not deemed a danger to the public.

Item 5: Refurbishment of the Cemetery Cottage:

Recommendation to Full Council: To accept the quotation for building works in the sum of £4,680.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted.

Recommendation to Full Council: To approve the recommendations contained with the report, as amended above.

The meeting returned to open session.

E.22-07.15 CORRESPONDENCE - for information

None received.

E.23-07.15 OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports.

E.24-07.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee will be confirmed at the Annual Council meeting on 3rd September, 2015.

There were no items raised for inclusion on the next agenda.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.48pm

Chairman Date