

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 8th SEPTEMBER, 2016

Present: Councillor: M Eager - Chairman
Councillors: D Baker R Barnes
A R Bradford E Fieldhouse
J Roberts N Roberts

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

E.60-09.16 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Bettington, A Crowe, K Francis, A Manns and R Yeoman.

E.61-09.16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

E.62-09.16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak at this point in the meeting.

E.63-09.16 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th June 2016, copies having been previously circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record.

E.64-09.16 RECREATION GROUND

Members considered the replacement of a burnt out bin situated adjacent to the skatepark and shelter.

Members were advised that two used cast iron bins were held in storage and available for use.

Recommendation to Full Council: That the bin be replaced with a cast iron bin from existing stock.

E.65-09.16 DOG HILL WOOD

1. Members considered costs for various maintenance works to the 'cricket pitch' area in the sum of £330.

Recommendation to Full Council: That the works be put in hand with costs met from the Dog Hill Wood Extra Maintenance budget.

2. Members considered costs for the installation of a bin at the Green Lane entrance.

Recommendation to Full Council: That the remaining cast iron bin currently held in storage be installed at the Green Lane entrance of Dog Hill Wood. Cllrs Eager and Bradford to liaise over exact location for installation.

E.66-09.16 CEMETERY

1. Members were requested to agree further costings of £35 per m² for boundary wall repairs (refer E.57-06.16,1).

Recommendation to Full Council: That the repairs to the cemetery wall are prioritised and carried out at a cost of £35 per m² to within the current budget allocation.

2. The Clerk updated members on the purchase of a replacement council vehicle and explained that the costs would be met from reserves and the combined vehicle and maintenance budgets, in however, this did not leave any funds for signwriting.

RESOLVED: That a quote be obtained for signwriting and presented to Full Council on 29th September, 2016.

E.67-09.16 WORKING PARTIES/TASK & FINISH GROUPS

1. Tesco Grant Application T&F Group

The Chairman gave a verbal report of the consultation event held at the Community Hall on 25th August, 2016 to discuss plans for improvements to the recreation ground to include a shelter, solar lighting, picnic tables and the planting of some trees. A small number of local residents had attended to express their objections to the proposals as they feared it would encourage late night use and add to existing antisocial behaviour issues at the recreation ground resulting in a loss of residential amenity.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Task & Finish Group arrange another meeting with the residents to discuss the matter further.

2. Events Working Party

- i) Members were presented with the report from the meeting held on 2nd August, 2016.

RESOLVED: That report be noted.

- ii) Members were presented with a report from the meeting held on 6th September, 2016 and considered the recommendations contained therein.

Following discussion it was proposed and agreed that the following amendments be made to:

Item 6 recommendation: That the Mayor host a small reception for all voluntary organisations.

Item 9 recommendation: That Ledbury Town Council set aside in the next budget setting round (precept) a sum of £5,000 to contribute towards the potential purchase of banners for Town Promotion subject to further investigation and quotes.

RESOLVED: That report, as amended be noted.

Recommendation to Full Council: That the recommendations, as amended be approved and adopted.

3. Christmas Lights Working Party

Councillors J Roberts, and N Roberts declared personal interests at items 3 (i) (ii) and (iii).

- i) Members were presented with the report from the meeting held on 19th July, 2016.

RESOLVED: That report be noted.

- ii) Members were presented with the report from the meeting held on 2nd August, 2016 and considered the recommendations contained therein.

Referring to Item 3. It was noted that a charge would be incurred for the Church Street road closure.

RESOLVED: That report be noted.

Recommendations to Full Council: That the recommendations contained within the report be approved and adopted.

- iii) Members were presented with the report from the meeting held on 6th September, 2016 and considered the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED: That report be noted.

Recommendations to Full Council: That the recommendations contained within the report be approved and adopted.

4. October Fair Working Party

Members were presented with the report from the meeting held on 5th September, 2016 and considered the recommendations contained therein.

RESOLVED: That report be noted.

5. Recreation Ground Working Party

The Chairman gave a verbal report of the meeting held on 5th September, 2016, which had be called to consider quotations to replace the slide, igloo and multi toddler unit from four specialist play equipment companies. The Chairman reported that further quotations will be required for consideration before presenting a recommendation to the committee.

E.68-09.16 TREE WARDEN NETWORK

The Town Council is invited to nominate a represenataive to attend a talk entitled "Trees and the Law" to be held on September 13th from 4pm to 6pm in Bartestree Village Hall.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Eakin attend the meeting and report back to the next Environment & Leisure Committee meeting.

E.69-09.16 CORRESPONDENCE - for information

None received.

E.70-09.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee will be held on 13th October, 2016.

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

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm

Chairman Date