

Minutes of the meeting of the OPEN SPACES & LEISURE COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks on Monday 10 June 2013 at 8.20pm following a meeting of the Planning Committee

Present:

Committee Members

Cllr S L Arnold	apols	Cllr Mrs M A London	Present
Cllr C L L Baker	Present left 9.09pm	Cllr R J Parry	Present
Cllr J M Canet	Present	Cllr S G Raikes	Present
Cllr A Eyre - Chairman	Present	Vice Chairman - Cllr P E Towell	Present
Cllr R M C Hogarth [ex-officio]	Present	Cllr Mrs P C Walshe	apols

Also present:

Cllr R L Piper

Town Clerk
Deputy Town Clerk
Open Spaces Manager

3 Members of the Public

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A representative of the Sevenoaks Allotment Holders Society asked if a valuation had been received for the Quakers Hall allotment site.

The Chairman responded that the Town Council's valuation of all of its land assets was on-going and the information was commercially sensitive

32 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests from Members to enable participation in discussion on items on the agenda in which the Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. [S 31 & 33 Localism Act 2011 refers] .

33 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

34 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED that** the minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces & Leisure Committee held on 25 March previously approved at Council on 13 May 2013 be received and signed

35 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

It was **RESOLVED that** the Statement of Accounts from April 2012 to 31 March 2013 be received and adopted.

The Committee noted that there was a decrease in letting of sports pitches as a result of the adverse weather

36 KNOLE PADDOCK & RALEYS FIELD

The Committee received and consider a report received from TGMS Sport Surface Consultants concerning the condition of the pitches, together with covering report from the Open Spaces and Cemetery Manager.

It was **RESOLVED that**

- i. A second-hand Immants 'Shockwave' de-compaction machine be purchased for £8,000.
- ii. A maintenance programme is commenced at a cost of up to £5,700 to include additional fertilising and top dressing.
- iii. Grant funding and donations are sought to cover the above expenditure
- iv. Procedures are introduced to safeguard the playing surface
- v. A progress report is submitted to a future committee in 9 months' time

37 PROPOSED SPORTS STRATEGY

The Committee received and noted a report concerning the first meeting held concerning the creation of a Sevenoaks Sports Strategy.

38 RALEYS CAR PARK

It was **RESOLVED that**

The second report of Raleys User Group be circulated to Members for comment.

39 SEVENOAKS FOOTBALL CLUB

The Committee received and considered a report concerning Sevenoaks Football Club and leases for ground and pavilion.

It was **RESOLVED that**

- i. Sevenoaks Junior Football Club be granted with a Tenancy at Will to operate the two football pitches and a Tenancy at Will for the pavilion whilst appropriate lease and general discussions take place
- ii. The terms and conditions for leases for pitches 1 and 2 be further considered by the Council
- iii. A new lease for the pavilion be deferred for further consideration by the Council and the results of the sports strategy consultation

40 GREATNESS ENVIRONS IMPROVEMENTS

The Committee received and noted a report relating to improvements for Greatness Environs

41 PONTOISE CLOSE OPEN SPACE AND USE BY FAITH SCHOOL

The Committee received and considered a report from the Town Clerk concerning usage of the Pontoise Close Open Space by the Trinity School.

It was **RESOLVED that**

A temporary permission of one year be granted with consideration given to a second year extension

42 OPEN SPACES & CEMETERY MANAGER'S REPORT

The Committee received and noted the Open Spaces & Cemetery Manager's report.

It was **AGREED that**

- i. A copy of the work schedule for The Vine area be circulated to Members in the next fourteen days
- ii. An update report on Sevenoaks Common be circulated to Members in the next fourteen days

43 TOWN WARDEN'S REPORT

The Committee received and considered the Town Warden's report

It was **AGREED that**

- i. When planters are refilled in the town that vigilance is taken to weed around the base.
- ii. Kent Highways be contacted regarding the stone wall along Dartford Road to enquire when brick repairs will be replaced with matching ragstone

44 KCC VEGETATION CLEARANCE ON PROWS

The Committee received and considered Kent County Council letter dated 10 May 2013 concerning Vegetation clearance on public rights of way in West Kent

It was **RESOLVED that**

- i. A request be submitted for clearance of weeds and graffiti from the path rear of the gas holders between Cramptons Road and Otford Road.
- ii. Shopping trolleys be removed from the confines of the gas holders.

45 CURRENT MATTERS

The Committee received and considered the current matters report.

Littlewood

It was noted that the gas company had been requested to reseed the area following the failure of the seed sown in November.

46 PRESS RELEASE

There were no press releases to be issued on this occasion

The meeting closed at 10.10pm

Chairman