

Minutes of the meeting of the OPEN SPACES & LEISURE COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks on Monday 15 December 2014 after Finance and General Purpose Committee Meeting at 7pm

Present:

Committee Members

Cllr S Arnold	Present	Cllr Mrs M London – Vice Chairman	Present
Cllr C L L Baker	Apologies	Cllr R J Parry	Present
Cllr J M Canet	Present	Cllr S Raikes – Mayor	Present
Cllr A Eyre – Chairman	Present	Cllr P E Towell	Present
Cllr R M C Hogarth	Present	Cllr Mrs P C Walshe	Present

Also present:

Town Clerk
Committee Clerk
Cllr R Piper

309 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No requests for Dispensation had been received from Members to enable participation in discussion on items on the agenda which the Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. [S 31 & 33 Localism Act 2011 refers].

310 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

311 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces & Leisure Committee held on 22nd September 2014 be received and signed.

312 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The statement of accounts from October 2014 was received and noted.

313 SEVENOAKS TOWN SPORTS STRATEGY

The minutes from the Sports Strategy meeting held on 30th October 2014 were received and noted.

Cllr Piper requested that Sevenoaks Town Council contact David Lloyd to ask if they would like to attend the Sport Strategy meetings.

It was noted that the Cricket Club were wanting above the standard length of practice lanes in any new premises.

Concerns were raised regarding ongoing revenue contributions if the Cricket Club were to merge into the Indoor Bowls Club current facility at Hollybush.

STC had a meeting scheduled with KCC later in the week to discuss moving the indoor Cricket Club into the Wildernesse School site.

314 LOCK'S YARD

A report was received and noted.

Cllr Raikes raised the question of what costs would be involved with taking on the land known as Locks Yard. It was stated that costing would become more apparent as more research was carried out.

Cllr Walshe stated she felt that if Sevenoaks Town Council took over the land this would then open up possibilities for people to ask Sevenoaks Town Council to take on even more land.

Cllr Parry stated he felt that Sevenoaks Town Council should continue with research with regard to taking over the land in order to stop it falling into further disrepair.

315 PROPSAL FOR THE VINE CAFÉ IN BAND PRACTICE ROOM

A report was received and noted.

The Chairman and Town Clerk provided a brief verbal report stating that the Cricket Club had been taking a long time to progress the project and there was a danger of losing the funding of £50,000.

A site visit had taken place and although promises of actions had been provided there was little evidence of progress.

General concerns were expressed about project management to date and the Town Council continuing to work jointly on this project.

Resolved: That Sevenoaks Town Council take over the project and apply for funding of £50,000 to be invested into the Town Council to get the project underway as soon as possible.

316 OPEN SPACES AND CEMETERY MANAGER'S REPORT

A report was received and noted.

Cllr Piper asked what could be done regarding the area in Littlewood near the stream as the area tends to get very muddy and slippery. Nicholas Cave stated that it would be a major project to divert the stream at the present time.

Cllr Raikes enquired as to whether the Shockwave system had been hired out yet. It was stated that nobody had hired the Shockwave system at the present time, although it was being promoted as being available.

317 RALEYS CAR PARK

A report was received and noted.

It was stated that parking permits had been issued for 2015.

318 CURRENT MATTERS

A report was received and noted.

Cllr Parry enquired whether all the tools from recent thefts had been replaced. It was noted

that the only piece of equipment on order was the Log Splitter all other tools had been replaced.

319 PRESS RELEASE

The Vine Band Stand Practice Room project update was suggested as a press release.

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm

Chairman