

DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES and REPORT of the MEETING of the GREEN SPACES COMMITTEE of the Council held in the **Dursley Library, May Lane, Dursley** at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th March 2018 for presentation to the Council on the 3rd April 2018.

PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor A Stennett.

Councillors: N Grecian (Mayor), P Hayes, J Burdge, M Stennett and M Nicholson.

In Attendance: Town Clerk, J Kay; Deputy Town Clerk, L Wellings; two representatives from Dursley Town Ladies Football team and one allotment holder.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies received from Councillors J Ball, B Cairns, and S Abraham (all personal).

2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No requests for dispensations were received.

4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no representations from the public.

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Green Spaces Committee Meeting held on the 16th January 2018, having been circulated among the members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6. CHAIRMAN'S VERBAL REPORT

The Chairman had no matters to report.

7. WELCOME TO ALLOTMENT HOLDERS & WMRG USERS

The Chair officially welcomed the representatives from the allotment holders and War Memorial Recreation Ground users.

8. ALLOTMENT HOLDERS

The allotment holder reported that he had an allotment at the north end of the site which bordered the hedge. The Council had agreed to some voluntarily low-level maintenance of the hedge by the allotment holder to improve the boundary.

The representatives from the Dursley Town Ladies Football team were present to discuss the matter of temporary floodlighting. The Chair noted that was on the agenda as item 11. **IT WAS AGREED** to bring forward the agenda item.

11. TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY FLOODLIGHTING

The ladies team were currently training in Tetbury over the winter period due to the lack of floodlights on the WMRG. This was proving problematic and funding had been achieved for temporary portable floodlighting which would light approximately half of a pitch. The lighting was being made available to the other Dursley Town football teams.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Committee would approve the request for the use of temporary portable floodlights on the WMRG for winter training from the beginning of the 2018/19 football season. The Committee requested that the Town Clerk issue a courtesy letter to properties on The Knapp, the Committee would review the decision should there be any complaints raised by neighbouring properties.

9. WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND USERS

The representatives from Dursley Town Ladies Football team had nothing further to report.

The representatives from Dursley Town Ladies Football team and the allotment holder left the meeting.

10. TO APPOINT A CONTRACTOR TO CARRY OUT OUR TREE SURVEY OF COUNCIL GREEN SPACE AREAS

The Committee considered the three quotations supplied.

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Wotton Tree Consultancy and request that they raise the level of public liability and indemnity insurance to £5m to meet the requirements of the Council's Procurement Policy.

12. TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT "CONTRACT FOR THE HIRE OF GREEN SPACES"

The Deputy Clerk presented the draft contract which was very well received by the committee.

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the new "contract" for all events on or after 1st April 2018.

13. TO CONSIDER THE RESPONSE FROM STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL REGARDING PROPOSED LOCAL GREEN SPACE DESIGNATIONS

The Committee considered the response from Stroud District Council on the proposal to designate the Highfields Play Area, Cambridge Avenue Play Area, Land off Acacia Drive, Long Street Town Green, Union Street Green and Holywell Orchard. This included the reasons for SDC objecting to the proposal local green space designations of Highfields Play Area and Acacia Drive sites.

The Committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the comment "the land would be better held by the Town Council if it wishes to protect these into the future and we (SDC) would appreciate a discussion about this"

IT WAS RESOLVED that due to budgetary and workload constraints the Town Council were unable to enter discussions about these sites until April 2019. The Town Council would only consider a full transfer of asset with appropriate commuted sums towards the ongoing maintenance of the sites.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:18pm.

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Chairman

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Date