

## DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES and REPORT of the MEETING of the GREEN SPACES COMMITTEE of the Council held in the **Methodist Church Meeting Room, Castle Street, Dursley** at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 for presentation to the Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

### PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor A Stennett.

Councillors: J Burdge, M Stennett and P Hayes (Vice Chair).

In Attendance: Deputy Clerk, L Wellings.

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies received from Councillors A Whitwell (business), N Grecian (personal) and J Ball (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 July 2019, 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 reported on two recent acts of vandalism on the War Memorial Recreation Ground involving fires in the playground and the subsequent destruction of two litter bins.

It was noted that clear CCTV images had been passed to the Police, along with other evidence involving the incidents; the Council had yet to receive a response from the Police in relation to action taken; on both occasions the Fire Brigade had attended the site but no follow-up contact was made to the Council.

**IT WAS AGREED** that the issue would be referred to the October Council meeting for discussion, to consider a response and further actions.

#### 7. UPDATE ON THE PETANQUE COURT PROJECT

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that Courtstall had completed installation of the Petanque court today (17/9/19); the official opening would be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October; the Project Officer was obtaining quotations for re-turfing some of the areas around the court, installing signage, 3 benches, as well as investigating possible ramp access and adjustments to the nearest gate off Rednock Drive.

It was noted that half of the court installation cost had been covered by a successful Sports England grant and the Town Clerk was applying for Section 106 funds to cover remaining costs; the Pulse had agreed to hold and issue playing equipment using a similar deposit arrangement to that used for the tennis court.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that use of the Petanque court would be closely monitored to see if any additional works would be required (e.g. barrier fencing).

8. KINGSHILL CEMETERY

Members considered a paper with current pictures and improvement ideas related to the Cemetery:

i) Ideas to improve the appearance of the compound area

Members were not opposed to ideas that related to repositioning items, screening skips, installing a small carport type shed, reorganising the space, installing a hard standing for skips and gating the compound.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to clear out the rubbish and vegetation in the compound area and investigate the installation of a suitable sliding gate, preferably wooden in appearance. Following clearance of the area, use of the space would be reassessed alongside gate options..

ii) Purchasing new watering cans

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to purchase suitable new watering cans for the site, the budget limit was set at £250.

iii) Installing new tap fittings

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that Councillor Hayes would inspect the tap fittings at his forthcoming Cemetery inspection and make recommendations.

9. IMPROVEMENT IDEAS FOR STORAGE AT THE PAVILION

Members considered improvement ideas related to the underutilised outside area situated at the back of the War Memorial Recreation Ground pavilion.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to programme in clearance of the entire area as a winter job, initial priorities would be to dispose of rubbish and clear vegetation to create a clear walk way and organise the items currently stored there. An assessment would then be made of any further clearance work required e.g. removal of stumps and what further improvements works could be undertaken e.g. fencing/gating.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:15

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Chairman

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Date