

## **DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES and REPORT of the MEETING of the GREEN SPACES COMMITTEE of the Council held online at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 for presentation to the Council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors: A Stennett (Chair), N Grecian, J Ball, P Hayes (Vice Chair), M Stennett, J Burdge & M Woodward.

In Attendance: J Kay, Town Clerk, L Wellings, Deputy Town Clerk.

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Councillor A Whitwell (personal).

#### 2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present, but correspondence had been received prior to the meeting.

##### a) Skating Facilities on the War Memorial Recreation Ground

The Committee had insufficient information to discuss this but would be happy to discuss the request further with the member of the public.

##### b) Crop Protection at Kingshill Allotments

The Council had received correspondence from tenants who had lost crops to deer. While sympathetic with the problem, the cost to fence the allotments was not financially viable. The tenants could be encouraged to consider deer netting or other methods to make it less desirable for deer. The Committee were happy to consider any financially viable options with tenants.

#### 4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Green Spaces Committee Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020, having been circulated among the members, were taken as read, confirmed, and will be signed by the Chair after the meeting as a correct record.

#### 5. CHAIR'S VERBAL REPORT

The Chairman reported that an ambulance had been called to Highfields Play Area on Monday evening. A youth had an accident on the BMX track and suffered a cut to the head. The lockable bollard had to be cut by the fire brigade for the ambulance to gain access. This will need to be replaced and for a combination lock to be considered in the future. There had been no official notice of this from the emergency services.

#### 6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BEE KEEPING

The opportunity has been offered to the allotment tenants.

7. TO CONSIDER THE CLIMATE CHANGE MISSION STATEMENT

The Committee consider the draft statement. Some dates required to be changed as they had now expired and there were some minor revisions to the text. The use of LED lights in Council buildings to be added.

The revisions would now be submitted to the Policy & Finance Committee.

8. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

The Project Officer met with the contractor regarding the post inspection comments and the matters have now been resolved.

The annual inspection has only highlighted low risk comments/defects. These are been prioritised/programmed along with routine works.

9. TREE INSPECTION REPORT

The Committee commented it was a very comprehensive report. The matters raised will be prioritised for the tree surgeon to provide quotes with minor works being carried out by grounds staff.

10. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE FACULTY TO REMOVE BROKEN/UNSAFE GRAVE SURROUNDS AT ST MARKS

The faculty application had been submitted to the Diocese of Gloucester; we are currently awaiting the response to allow repairs to the memorials at St Marks.

11. RE-OPENING OF THE PAVILLION (WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND

The pavilion has remained closed to the local sports teams following the lockdown period. The water system will require a legionella test prior to re-opening. Additional sanitising and hand cleaning equipment will need to be provided. The cleaning regime, particularly after weekend usage will need to be reviewed prior to the opening of the pavilion.

At the current time there is no date when the pavilion will re-open, but we will continue to liaise with Dursley Town AFC on this matter.

12. BUSINESS DEALT WITH IN COMMITTEE

To resolve to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to carry out the remainder of business in committee due to the confidential nature of the business. There were no members of the public or press present.

13. TO PROGRESS THE NEW GARDEN OF REST PROJECT

**IT WAS AGREED** to progress/develop the option supplied by Greenfields.

14. TO PROGRESS IMPROVING THE EXISITNG GARDEN OF REST PROJECT

**IT WAS AGREED** to progress/develop the option supplied by Greenfields. The Committee would like to know the expected life span of the timber and how any sections could be replaced due to damage

15. TO CONSIDER PROGRESSING QUOTATIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF NEW STANDPIPES.

a) Long Street Car Park

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the quote of £1,368.98 from Wood Construction.

b) Kingshill Cemetery

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the quote of £504 from DA Hill.

Councillors Alex Stennett and Mel Stennett left the meeting. Cllr Hayes assumed the role of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

16. TO CONSIDER THE QUOTATIONS FOR LEGIONELLA RISK ASSESSMENTS

The Committee considered the quotes for legionella risk assessments at Jacob’s House, Kingshill Cemetery Toilet and the Pavilion (WMRG).

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the quote of £400 + VAT from Aquasafe Environmental. The Clerk to arrange legionella testing at Kingshill Cemetery Toilet and the Pavilion (WMRG) prior to re-opening.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:25pm.

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Chairman

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Date