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Minutes of the meeting of the Grounds & General Maintenance Committee of Yeovil Town Council held on 8th January 2019 at 7.00pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

Present: Cllrs M Roper (Chairman); J Conway; M Lock; E Potts-Jones; A Pugsley; F Purbrick; D Recardo; A Smith and A Soughton.

In Attendance: Sally Freemantle (Deputy Town Clerk)

Public Comment. There were no members of the public and no members of the press present.

7.00pm - Meeting commenced.

9/259 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN.

There were no apologies for absence.

9/260 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Members declare interests that accord with the Council's adopted Code of Conduct. This does not preclude any later declarations.

Cllrs A Pugsley, D Recardo and M Roper declared a personal interest in agenda item 9/264 Allotment Working Party due to their allotment tenancies with the Town Council.

Cllr A Pugsley declared a personal interest in agenda item 9/265 Best Kept Allotment Awards – Best Non Town Council Allotment Plot, due to his tenancy with Westlands Allotment site.

9/261 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2018. The Deputy Town Clerk explained that the minute reference 9/258 Oakhurst Nursery had been amended as there had been an error in the minute:

Amended from:

“Members considered the report by the Town Clerk regarding the emergency lighting at Milford Hall in accordance with Standing Order 51 (Urgent Business). This Standing Order requires that any action taken should be reported to the next meeting of the Committee.”

Amended to:

“Members considered the report by the Town Clerk regarding the Oakhurst Nursery lease in accordance with Standing Order 51 (Urgent Business). This Standing Order requires that any action taken should be reported to the next meeting of the Committee.”

RESOLVED: that following the amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2018 were signed and dated as a correct record.

9/262 PLAY AREA UPDATE REPORT

The Committee considered the report by the Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer.

It was suggested that it be requested that the timing of the painting of skate ramps, play equipment, street furniture and youth shelter be reported to the next meeting of this Committee.

RESOLVED: that the report of the Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer be noted.

9/263 PRESTON PARK PLAY AREA

The Committee considered the verbal report by the Deputy Town Clerk regarding the cost of reinstating the fence around the play area and requested more detailed costings and alternative options from the Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer for the next meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer be asked to provide detailed costings of the fence and alternative options to solve the issue of dogs fouling near the play equipment.

9/264 ALLOTMENT WORKING PARTY

Due to the approaching elections, it was decided that it would best if the decision on the membership of the Working Group be deferred to the May meeting of the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee. The purpose of the Working Group will be to agree how to promote the allotments, the sustainability of the allotments and to create and deliver a strategy to deal with the transition of removing the provision of skips, confirmed by the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee (minute reference 9/360).

RESOLVED: To defer the decision on the membership of the Working Group to the May meeting of the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee.

9/265 BEST KEPT ALLOTMENT AWARDS – BEST NON TOWN COUNCIL ALLOTMENT PLOT

The Chairman explained that Westlands Allotments hold their own allotment competition and have their own trophy.

RESOLVED: that the winner of the Westlands Allotment competition be invited to the presentations at Super Saturday to be presented with their award.

9/266 FINANCIAL STATEMENT – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2018

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1st October to 30th November 2018.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement for the period 1st October to 30th November 2018 be approved.

Public Comment. There were no members of the public present.

The meeting closed at 7:40pm.

Signed: (Chairman) Date: