

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the GROUNDS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil on Monday 9 March 2015

(7:00pm – 7.20pm)

Present:

David Dollard – Chairman
Martin Bailey
Philip Chandler
John Hann
Kaysar Hussain
Andrew Kendall
Mike Lock
Wes Read
Darren Shutler
Alan Smith

Also Present:

Helen Ferdinand	Assistant Town Clerk (job share)
Steve Fox	Principal Horticultural Officer (SSDC)
Rob Parr	Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer (SSDC)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

8/296 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 January 2015, copies of which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8/297 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from J Vincent Chainey, Dave Greene, and Manny Roper.

8/298 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

8/299 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

8/300 OPEN SPACES

The Committee considered the report of the Principal Horticultural Officer (Agenda item 5 refers).

Members were informed of the results of the last inspections, 96% of which had been classed as good with the remaining 4% classed as fair.

The Principal Horticultural Officer added that in general the comments of the members were very positive and that all sites visited had been managed and maintained to a high standard. Issues with litter are minimal, and instances of antisocial behaviour have been low.

In response to an issue raised earlier in the year, the paths at Preston Park are now being swept, and the perimeter areas of the recreation areas at Rosebery Avenue and Westland Road have been trimmed back.

The path resurfacing at Milford Park is due to start again in April, and some funding has been identified which might be used to extend the path. In response to a query, he confirmed that there had been no further reports of problems since the bund of loose stones had been compacted.

RESOLVED

that the matter be noted.

8/301 KINGSTON VIEW PLAY AREA

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 6 refers).

RESOLVED

that the matter be noted and supported.

8/302 SUMMERHOUSE VIEW PLAY AREA

The Committee considered the report of the Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer (Agenda item 7 refers).

The Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer added that construction at the Summerhouse View Play Area had started at the end of February, and that the retaining walls had been installed and the steps and ramps should be finished by the end of the week. The fencing was being held in storage and would be erected early in the new financial year. He advised that if there was some remaining budget after the construction works were complete, some further improvements at the park might be possible subject to the necessary approvals.

RESOLVED

that the matter be noted.

8/303 PLAY AREA REPAIRS

The Committee considered the report of the Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer (Agenda item 8 refers).

Members were informed that good progress was being made in the planned maintenance works at play areas and virtually all would be complete by the

end of the financial year. The Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer added that the double zip-wire had been re-installed at Milford Park. In response to a query, he advised that the see-saw at Preston Park would be replaced and would be a priority for the next financial year. He also confirmed that the matting under the roundabout at Monks Dale would be replaced with a much better quality surface in March.

RESOLVED

that the matters be noted.

8/304 **ALLOTMENT MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE**

The Committee considered the Allotment Maintenance Schedule (Agenda item 9 refers).

RESOLVED

that the schedule be noted.

8/305 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT – DECEMBER 2014 / JANUARY 2015**

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1 December 2014 to 31 January 2015 (Agenda item 10 refers).

RESOLVED

that the Financial Statement be noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

Chairman

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