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Minutes of the meeting of the Grounds & General Maintenance Committee of Yeovil Town Council held on Wednesday 11th March 2016 at 7.00pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

Present: Cllrs D Shutler, D Byrne, J Conway, E Potts-Jones, W Read, M Roper (Chairman), and A Smith.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk), Ian Lock (Allotments tenants representative).

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

7.00pm - Public Question Time. There were no members of the public present.

7.00pm - Meeting commenced.

9/76 Apologies for Absence and to Consider the Reasons Given. Apologies were received from Cllrs P Chandler (Ill) and K Hussain (work commitments).

Apologies were also received from S Fox – Principal Horticulture Officer (SSDC) R Parr – Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer (SSDC).

Resolved: To accept the apologies and reasons given.

9/77 Declarations of Interest. Members to declare Interests that accord with the Council's adopted Code of Conduct. This does not preclude any later declarations.

No declarations were made at this time.

9/78 Minutes of Last Meeting. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th March 2016.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of Grounds & General Maintenance Committee held on 7th March 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

9/79 Exclusion of Press and Public. Due to the confidential nature of the business of item 9/86, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3, it is likely a motion to exclude members of the public and press during discussion of this item will be considered by the Councillors. *Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3*

Resolved: That Agenda Item 9/86 be heard with the Public & Press excluded.

9/80 Open Spaces Update Report. Members to nominate one member from each of the equivalent District Council Wards to represent the Committee on the site inspections.

Resolved: To nominate one member from each of the equivalent District Council Wards to represent the Committee on the site inspections as follows:

Town Council Ward	Equivalent District Council Ward	Councillor
Central Ward Milford Ward	Central Ward	Cllr D Byrne
East Ward New Town Ward	East Ward	Cllr M Roper
Long Mead Ward Preston Ward South Ward	South Ward	Cllr A Smith (Long Mead Ward & Preston Ward) Cllr J Conway (South Ward)
Hollands Ward Park Ward West Ward White Mead Ward	West Ward	Cllr A Smith

9/81 Allotment Maintenance Schedule. Members to consider the allotment maintenance schedule.

The Town Clerk distributed the Yeovil Town Council Allotment Work Programme for 2016/17 which outlined the programme for the routine work.

Resolved: To note the allotment maintenance schedule.

9/82 Allotment Tenants Working Group. Members to consider the minutes of the Allotment Tenants Working Group.

Resolved: To note the minutes of the Allotment Tenants Working Group.

9/83 Play Area Update Report. Members to consider the report by the Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer.

A query was raised regarding the ability to recycle plastic drinks bottles at Yew Tree Park.

Resolved: To note the report.

9/84 Kingston View Park & Play Area. Members to consider the report by the Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer.

Members recognised that there would be a delay in the delivery of the project due to the officer's circumstances.

Resolved: To note the report.

9/85 Financial Statement – February /March 2016. Members to consider the Financial Statement for the period 1 February to 31 March 2016.

Resolved: To note the Financial Statement.

Public Question Time. There were no members of the public present.

9/86 Honeypot Nursery Lease Agreement (Commercial in Confidence)

The Committee passed a resolution (see item 9/79) to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Resolved: that the report be noted; that the Town Clerk proceeds with the renegotiations of the lease and returns to this Committee to approve the terms; and that a District Valuer Valuation be requested for the land.

Resolved: (1) To note the Report and (2) that the Town Clerk instruct a local valuer to provide a valuation for the current market rent for the land.

The meeting closed at 7:38pm.

Signed: (Chairman) Date: