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Minutes of the meeting of the Grounds & General Maintenance Committee of Yeovil Town Council held on Monday 7th March 2016 at 7.00pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

Present: Cllrs M Lock, D Shutler, P Chandler, K Hussain, A Kendall, E Potts-Jones, M Roper (Chairman), and A Smith.

In Attendance: R Davy – Streetscene Co-ordinator (SSDC), S Fox – Principal Horticultural Officer (SSDC), S Freemantle (Deputy Town Clerk).

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.

9/63 Apologies for Absence and to Consider the Reasons Given. Apologies were received from Cllr J Conway – family commitment.

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

Resolved: To accept the Apologies.

9/64 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.

9/65 Minutes of Last Meeting. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th January 2016.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of Grounds & General Maintenance Committee held on 11th January 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

9/66 Exclusion of Press and Public. Due to the confidential nature of the business of item 9/71 and 9/72, 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 9/71 and 9/72 be heard with the Public & Press excluded.

9/67 Allotment Maintenance Schedule. Members to consider the Maintenance Schedule for Year To Date (YTD) FY15/16.

A query was raised regarding the tree works/allotment spray and rotavation for Milford Dip and Newtown.

Resolved: To note the Schedule (YTD).

9/68 Open Spaces Update Report. Members to consider the update report by the Principal Horticultural Officer (SSDC).

It was noted that due to the resignation of Cllr Pugsley, a new nominated representative from South Ward was required for Open Spaces inspections. It was agreed that until the new Committee membership is confirmed at the next Annual Town Council meeting, Cllr A Smith will accompany the Principal Horticultural Officer on inspection visits in the South Ward.

Resolved: To note the report.

7.13pm – R Davy and S Fox left the meeting.

9/69 Play Area Update Report (including Kingston View Project). Members to consider the update report by the Community Health and Leisure Manager (SSDC).

A query was raised regarding the climbing wall at Westland Road Park.

Resolved: To note the report.

9/70 Financial Statement – December 2015/January 2016 Members to consider the Financial Statement for the period 1 December 2015 to 31 January 2016.

Resolved: To note the Financial Statement.

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

9/71 Honeypot Nursery Lease Agreement (Commercial in Confidence)

The Committee passed a resolution (see item 9/66) 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.

9/72 Allotment Water Repair - Newtown (Commercial in Confidence)

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Resolved: To note the Report.

The meeting closed at 7:30pm.

Signed: (Chairman) Date: