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Minutes of the meeting of the Grounds & General Maintenance Committee of Yeovil Town Council held on 9th July 2018 at 7.00pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

Present: Cllrs M Roper (Chairman), J Conway, M Lock, A Pugsley and F Purbrick

Also Present: Cllr T Lock (East Ward)

In Attendance: Amanda Card (Town Clerk), Steve Fox – Principal Horticultural Officer (SSDC) and Ian Lock - Horticultural Team Leader (SSDC).

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

7.00pm - Meeting commenced.

9/233 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs E Pott-Jones (conflicting engagement); D Recardo (conflicting engagement); A Smith (ill) and A Soughton (injury).

9/234 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

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

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

9/235 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2018.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2018 were signed and dated as a correct record.

9/236 OPEN SPACES UPDATE REPORT

Members considered the report of the Deputy Town Clerk concerning the inspection of the Town's open spaces and the requirement to nominate one member of the equivalent District Council Ward to represent the Committee on the site inspections.

The Principal Horticultural reported that inspections had been undertaken on the following open spaces:

- Howard Rd
- Grass Royal
- Oxford Rd
- Rosebery Rec
- Westfield
- Westland Road
- Preston Park
- Sidney Gardens.

The sites were generally in good order with all sites having received 7 complete cuts, little litter evident and no outstanding issues.

Overall the results were
 Good Pass = 98.0%
 Fair pass = 2.0%

The Grass Royal path had been completed but reinstatement works are outstanding due to the weather.

RESOLVED: (1) that the following members be nominated to represent each of the equivalent District Council Wards to represent the Committee on the site inspections:

Town Council Ward	Equivalent District Council Ward	Councillor
Central Ward Milford Ward	Central Ward	Cllr M Lock
East Ward New Town Ward	East Ward	Cllr M Roper
Long Mead Ward Preston Ward South Ward	South Ward	Cllr A Pugsley
Hollands Ward Park Ward West Ward White Mead Ward	West Ward	Cllr E Potts-Jones

(2) to note the verbal update of the Principal Horticultural.

9/237 SIDNEY GARDENS

The Principal Horticultural Officer explained that there had been an increase in the public interest of Sidney Gardens and that the local residents had been out in force litter picking. The spring wild flower display in the fountain had now finished and the Friends of Sidney Gardens group are organising the removal. They have also agreed to repaint the benches and the 'pink' wall.

Once the Yeovil in Bloom judging has taken place, the progression of the Heritage Lottery Grant would continue. He would look into progressing the outline tender document for the fountain.

Cllr M Lock reported about the progression of resolving the hole in the path. English Nature has granted a licence so the hole should be filled in soon.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the verbal update; and (2) to note the progression of the hole issue.

7:15 pm – *The Principal Horticultural Officer left the meeting and did not return.*

9/238 ALLOTMENT MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

The Horticulture Team Leader explained that all vacant plots had now been sprayed with weedkiller and that routine allotment work should now only take 2.5 – 3 days a month instead of 6 days.

Discussion was held as to why the allotments were strimmed first and then sprayed rather than just sprayed.

RESOLVED: (1) that the Allotment Maintenance Schedule be noted; and (2) that the allotment strimming/spraying issue be investigated.

7:20 pm – *The Horticulture Team Leader left the meeting and did not return.*

9/239 PLAY AREA UPDATE REPORT

The Committee considered the report by the Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer. The Skate ramps that required painting was discussed and it was felt that the timing of this work should not coincide with the school holidays. If the work could not be programmed in before the school holidays, then unless there was a health and safety need, that the work should be carried out after the school holidays. Members requested that anticipated dates be put on the plan in future, so that delivery of service can be monitored.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the verbal update; (2) to liaise with the Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer about the painting of the skate ramps; and (3) to request that anticipated dates be put on the plan in future, so that delivery of service can be monitored.

9/240 MILFORD ADVENTURE PARK FLOODLIGHTING

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

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

9/241 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL STANDPIPE AT SUNNINGDALE

The Committee considered the request for an additional standpipe. A site map was distributed as to where a potential tap should go. Members decided a site visit was necessary to understand the issue.

RESOLVED: (1) that the request be noted; (2) that Cllrs A Pugsley, M Lock and J Conway visit the site and determine whether the request be actioned; and (3) that the decision to carry out the installation of a standpipe be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with those who attend the site visit.

8:10 pm – Cllr T Lock left the meeting and did not return.

9/242 FINANCIAL STATEMENT – APRIL / MAY 2018

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1 April to 31 May 2018.

Resolved: that the Financial Statement for the period 1 April to 31 May 2018 be approved.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Signed: (Chairman) Date: