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Minutes of the meeting of the Grounds & General Maintenance Committee of Yeovil Town Council held on 20th March 2017 at 7.00pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ

Present: Cllrs M Roper (Chairman), P Chandler, J Conway, E Potts-Jones and A Smith.

In Attendance: Sally Freemantle (Deputy Town Clerk), Steve Fox Principal Horticultural Officer (SSDC) and Rob Parr Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer (SSDC).

There were no members of the press present.

7.00pm - Meeting commenced.

9/132. Apologies for Absence and to Consider the Reasons Given.

Apologies were received from K Hussain (Away), W Read (Working), D Recardo (Conflicting Engagement) and D Shutler (Conflicting Engagement).

Resolved: To accept the apologies and reasons given.

9/133. 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.

9/134. Minutes of Last Meeting. The Committee approved the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 January 2017.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of Grounds & General Maintenance Committee held on 9th January 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

9/135. Exclusion of Press and Public.

Due to the confidential nature of the business of item 9/141, 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 Councilors. [Public Bodies \(Admission to Meetings\) Act 1960 s3](#)

Resolved: That agenda item 9/141 is heard with the Public & Press excluded.

9/136. Play Area Update Report.

The Committee considered the report by the Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer (SSDC) and Rob Parr added that the timber bridge had been replaced at Yew Tree Park.

Resolved: that the report be noted.

9/137. Grass Royal Play Area

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

Resolved: that the report be noted.

7.10pm – Rob Parr left the meeting

9/138. Allotment Maintenance Schedule.

Unfortunately the Maintenance Schedule had not been received so will be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

9/139. Open Spaces Update Report.

The Committee considered the report by the Principal Horticultural Officer (SSDC) and Steve Fox confirmed that all sites had received a second winter cut with in the preceding week. He also commented that there was not too much litter.

There were plans to renew the fence and tree area at the top of the Grass Royal Open Space to tie in with the proposed regeneration of the Grass Royal Play Area.

Resolved: that the report be noted.

9/140. Financial Statement – December 2016/January 2017.

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1 December 2016 to 31 January 2017.

Resolved: that the Financial Statement be noted.

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

9/141. SLA and Proposed Savings Report (Commercial in Confidence).

The Committee resolved (see item 9/135) 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 with the exception of the elements of the report concerning Yeovil in Bloom (as these have been considered by the Promotions and Activities Committee), the report be noted and approved.

The meeting closed at 7.54pm

Signed: (Chairman) Date: