

## **YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **GROUND AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil on **Monday 7 January 2013**

(7:00pm – 8.15pm)

### **Present:**

Alan Smith – Chairman  
Martin Bailey  
Peter Brock  
Philip Chandler  
David Dollard  
John Hann  
Andrew Kendall  
Wes Read  
Manny Roper

### **Also Present:**

Steve Fox – Landscape Officer (SSDC)  
Rob Parr – Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer (SSDC)  
Sally Freemantle – Assistant Town Clerk

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Martin Bailey informed the Committee that Taunton Deane Borough Council had a funding stream for unparished areas of the community and gave some examples of successful bids. The information was noted as it was outside of Yeovil area.

### 8/145 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 November 2012, copies of which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 8/146 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Clive Davis and Jon Trevett.

### 8/147 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 8/148 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

#### 8/149 **PLAY AREAS**

The Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer explained that due to the inclement weather, the play equipment and open spaces had not been as busy since the last meeting and therefore repairs had also been at a minimum.

With regard to Monks Dale he explained that leaflets had been distributed to properties in the vicinity of the play area to ask for any information regarding the recent vandalism to the basket swing. This had generated one telephone call but unfortunately no relevant information. The basket swing had been replaced before Christmas.

#### **RESOLVED**

that the play area update be noted.

#### 8/150 **PRESTON PARK PLAY AREA UPDATE**

The Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer informed the Committee that 300 leaflets had been distributed to properties in the vicinity of the play area giving residents the opportunity to comment on the proposals. Housing Associations, the local school and South Somerset Disability forum had also been consulted. The remainder of the feedback was therefore awaited, and the next meeting of the Steering Group was due to take place on 20 February.

The Chairman stated that he would contact the County Councillor with regard to assistance with funding from the County Council's Health and Wellbeing initiative.

#### **RESOLVED**

that the matter be noted.

#### 8/151 **WINTER ENHANCEMENTS**

The Committee considered the report of the Landscape Officer (agenda item 7 refers). Much discussion took place regarding the options, including alternative ways to fund the edible woodland at Milford Park to enable the whole winter enhancements budget allocation to be spent at Preston Park on this occasion. Members were supportive of both projects.

#### **RESOLVED**

(1) that the matter be noted; and

(2) that option 3, which allocates £2050 to specific items as set out in the report for Preston Park and £1100 initial tree stock purchase for Milford Park Community edible woodland be agreed.

*Peter Brock left the meeting at 7.55pm*

8/152 **ALLOTMENT TENANT WORKING GROUP MEETING MINUTES**

The Committee considered the minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 4 December 2012.

**RESOLVED**

that the matters be noted.

8/153 **OPEN SPACES**

The Committee considered the report by the Town Clerk (agenda item 9 refers)

**RESOLVED**

(1) that the matters be noted;

(2) that the following Councillors be appointed as Open Spaces representatives:

- David Dollard – South Ward
- Andrew Kendall – Central Ward
- Wes Read – West Ward
- Manny Roper – East Ward; and

(3) that an item be included on each agenda of the Committee to enable the appointed members the opportunity to provide an update on the issues that they have discussed and the plans that have emerged.

8/154 **REQUEST FOR RAISED ALLOTMENT BED**

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Town Clerk (agenda item 10 refers). It was clarified by the Assistant Town Clerk that on this occasion, half the allotment plot would be used to accommodate the raised allotment beds and discussions had taken place with the prospective allotment tenant regarding how this would meet his requirements.

**RESOLVED**

(1) that the matter be noted; and

(2) that raised allotment beds be supported and referred to the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee for funding, possibly from the New Initiatives budget allocation.

8/155 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2012**

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1 October to 30 November 2012 (agenda item 11 refers).

**RESOLVED**

that the Financial Statement be noted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from members of the public.

Chairman

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