

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 8 July 2013**

(7:00pm – 7.40pm)

Present:

David Dollard (Chairman)
Peter Brock
Philip Chandler
Andrew Kendall
Mike Lock
Manny Roper

Jon Trevett - (co-opted – non voting)

Also Present:

Juliet Sims – Assistant Town Clerk
Rob Parr – Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer (SSDC)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

8/179 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 May 2013, copies of which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8/180 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from John Hann, Kaysar Hussain, Darren Shutler and Alan Smith

8/181 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

8/182 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

8/183 **PLAY AREAS**

The Committee considered the report of the Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer (Agenda item 5 refers).

The Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer also gave a verbal update on more recent developments. He indicated that Kingston View had been

repainted, but would require a further coat, and that where appropriate swing seats had been replaced.

Fencing at St John's Road Play Area had been repaired, and damaged see-saw replacement parts had been ordered.

RESOLVED

that the matters be noted.

8/184 **PRESTON PARK PLAY AREA UPDATE**

The Committee considered the report of the Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer (Agenda item 6 refers).

RESOLVED

that the matter be noted

8/185 **OPEN SPACES REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT**

The Committee considered the report of the Principal Horticultural Officer. (Agenda item 7 refers).

The Principal Horticultural Officer was unable to attend the meeting, and as well as his report he enclosed the Performance Monitoring Forms, which showed in more detail how the operation would pass or fail, and the Committee found these forms most informative.

RESOLVED

that the matter be noted.

8/186 **NEW INITIATIVES BUDGET**

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk (supplementary agenda item 7a refers).

Members briefly discussed whether or not new sheds would come under the New Initiatives Scheme, and it was felt that they would not.

The Committee decided to bring ideas to the next meeting in September 2013.

RESOLVED

That the matter be noted.

8/187 **ALLOTMENT TENANT WORKING GROUP MEETING MINUTES**

The Committee considered the Minutes of the Allotment Tenants Working Group Meeting held on 17 June 2013. (Agenda Item 8 refers)

The Secretary of the Allotment Tenants Working Group further updated the Committee verbally to advise that the allotments have had their first 'scrumping' raid of strawberries.

The Assistant Town Clerk indicated that the allegation regarding the destruction of plants at Larkhill had been investigated by the Town Clerk who had established that the incoming tenant had requested the entire plot to be strimmed, and that this work had been carried out in accordance with his instructions. She added that the damaged plants would recover.

Reference was also made to claims that a small number of plots at Milford Dip site were not being adequately maintained,

RESOLVED

- 1) that the matters be noted, and
- 2) that the Town Clerk investigate the claims regarding Milford Dip in consultation with the relevant Members, and take appropriate action.

8/188 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT – APRIL 2013/MAY 2013**

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 May 2013 (Agenda Item 9 refers),

RESOLVED

that the Financial Statement be noted.

Chairman

JS
17/07/2013