

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 13 January 2014**

(7:00pm – 7:40pm)

Present:

Dave Dollard – Chairman
Martin Bailey
Peter Brock
John Hann
Andrew Kendall
Mike Lock
Manny Roper
Darren Shutler
Alan Smith

Also Present:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public.

8/216 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 November 2013, copies of which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8/217 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Kris Castle and Jon Trevett.

8/218 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

8/219 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

8/220 **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.

A spring rider had been replaced at St John's Road play area as the old one had worn out (approximately 13 years old). The toddler bridge over the sand pit at Yew Tree Park had been repaired and a see-saw at Westfield Park had been re-secured following inspection.

RESOLVED

that the play area update be noted.

8/221 PRESTON PARK PLAY AREA UPDATE

The Committee considered the report regarding the Preston Park play area and the Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer informed the Committee that photographs had been taken of the event. It was noted that the play area had been in use despite the terrible weather.

RESOLVED

that the matter be noted.

8/222 WINTER ENHANCEMENTS

The Committee considered the report of the Principal Horticultural Officer and discussion took place regarding the options, noting that the actual figure available was £3210 (as opposed to the figure of £3120 in the report). It was decided to consider deferring the proposals for Sidney Gardens until a scheme had been drawn up for the whole park, which could be used for an application for external funding.

The favoured option was therefore the work which had been identified during the Members visits to the open spaces for a small hard surfaced wear pad at the entrance gates at Monks Dale, Westland and Upper Milford play areas, along with a small hard standing area at Monks Dale to be used as a pram park.

RESOLVED

(1) that the matter be noted; and

(2) that option 2, the installation of small wear pads and a pram park area as set out above be agreed.

8/223 OPEN SPACES

The Principal Horticultural Officer reported that 46 inspections had taken place with 100% pass rate. A range of works had been identified and a new sweeping regime introduced which included Preston Park and Yew Tree Park. High risk work was carried out as a matter of urgency and orders for other works to be carried out were sent to respective teams.

It had become apparent during the inspections that Westfield and Yew Tree play area get a lot of use and the maintenance routine required adjusting to reflect this.

RESOLVED

that the matters be noted.

8/224 **ALLOTMENT TENANT WORKING GROUP MEETING MINUTES**

The Committee considered the minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 2 December 2013.

RESOLVED

that the matters be noted.

8/225 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2013**

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1 October to 30 November 2013 (agenda item refers).

RESOLVED

that the Financial Statement be noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

Chairman

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