

## YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **GROUPS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil on **Monday 7 July 2014**

(7:00pm – 7:45pm)

**Present:**

Dave Dollard – Chairman  
Martin Bailey  
J Vincent Chainey  
Philip Chandler  
Dave Greene  
John Hann  
Andrew Kendall  
Mike Lock  
Manny Roper

**Also Present:**

Rich Davy – Streetscene Supervisor (SSDC)  
Lynda Pincombe – Community Health and Leisure Manager (SSDC)  
Sally Freemantle – Assistant Town Clerk

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public.

8/250 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meetings held on 13 and 14 May 2014, copies of which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8/251 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Wes Read, Alan Smith, Steve Fox (Principal Horticultural Officer, SSDC) and Rob Parr (Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer, SSDC).

8/252 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

8/253 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

8/254 **ALLOTMENT MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE**

The Committee considered the Allotment Maintenance schedule (agenda item 5 refers). The Streetscene Supervisor explained that the July grass cutting had also just taken place.

**RESOLVED**

that the Allotment Maintenance schedule be noted.

8/255 **OPEN SPACES**

It was reported that due to holidays and busy schedules some inspections had taken place without Members this time around. The results were 92% good pass and 8% fair pass. Manny Roper had attended the East Ward site visits with the Principal Horticultural Officer and there were a couple of issues noted which were in hand following a telephone call to the relevant department. It was reported that Central Ward was in tip top condition.

The litter problem at Yew Tree Park – particularly around the skate park area was reported. Unfortunately the litter bins were not being used and due to the clement weather the park had been particularly busy on the Saturday, with no clean-up scheduled until Monday morning. It was also commented generally that dog waste required enforcement. The Streetscene Supervisor said he would relay the information back to the relevant department(s).

**RESOLVED**

that the open spaces update be noted.

8/256 **PLAY AREA REPAIRS**

The Committee considered the report by the Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer (agenda item 7 refers). Queries were raised regarding the absence of the roundabout at Westland Road play area and when the zip wire at Milford Park play area would be repaired.

**RESOLVED**

that the play area update be noted.

8/257 **NEW INITIATIVES BUDGET – MILFORD PARK UPDATE**

The Committee considered the report by the Streetscene Manager circulated at the beginning of the meeting.

**RESOLVED**

that the update be noted.

8/258 **NEW INITIATIVES BUDGET**

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

**RESOLVED**

that the matter be noted.

8/259 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT – APRIL/MAY 2014**

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1 April to 31 May 2014 (agenda item 10 refers).

**RESOLVED**

that the Financial Statement be noted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from members of the public.

8/260 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED**

that the press and public be excluded 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.

8/261 **YEW TREE PARK GATE**

The Committee considered the report by the confidential report by the Town Clerk (agenda item 11 refers).

The Community Health and Leisure Manager (SSDC) outlined the approach that had been taken by the District Council in recent months and Members commented on the merits of the approach and the alternatives available.

**RESOLVED**

(1) that the matter be noted; and

(2) that the Community Health and Leisure Manager (SSDC) takes the views of the Committee to the relevant department.

Chairman