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Minutes of the meeting of the Grounds & General Maintenance Committee of Yeovil Town Council held on 7th September 2020 at 7.00pm held by video-conferencing using Zoom meeting software.

Present: Cllrs A Kendall (Chairman); O Darling-Finan, G Hunting; T Ledlie (from 7.13pm) P Lock (from 7.02pm); S Lowery; D Recardo; A Soughton and Royston Spinner (from 7.21pm).

Also Present: Cllrs M Lock (Yeovil College Ward) and T Lock (Yeovil Lyde Ward)

In Attendance: Amanda Card (Town Clerk); Sally Freemantle (Deputy Town Clerk).

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

7.00pm - Meeting commenced.

10/76 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr H Stonier (personal) and M Roper (personal).

10/77 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Members declare interests that accord with the Council's adopted Code of Conduct. This does not preclude any later declarations.

Cllr O Darling-Finan declared a Personal interest in items relating to allotments due to her allotment tenancy with the Town Council.

10/78 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2020.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2020 be signed as a correct record at the next appropriate opportunity.

7.02pm – Cllr P Lock joined the meeting.

10/79 LETTER AND PROPOSALS FROM YEOVIL RIVERS TRUST

The Committee considered the letter and proposals regarding a flood attenuation scheme.

RESOLVED: 1) that the proposals be noted; 2) that no permission or funding be granted.

7.13pm – Cllr T Ledlie joined the meeting.

10/80 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TAP AT GOAR KNAP ALLOTMENT SITE

The Committee considered a request for an additional tap at Goar Knap allotment site.

RESOLVED: 1) that the matter be noted; and 2) that two taps be installed between the existing taps.

7.21pm – Cllr R Spinner joined the meeting.

10/81 ALLOTMENT MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL

The Committee considered a proposal made by Cllr D Recardo (Secretary of Allotment Association) that allotments be leased and managed by the Allotment Association with the exception of perimeter fences and trees.

RESOLVED: 1) that the matter be noted; and 2) that no further action on the proposal be taken.

10/82 ALLOTMENT RUBBISH REMOVAL (TENANTS)

The Deputy Town Clerk explained that allotment tenants had requested a system for removal of rubbish, which could not be composted, from allotment sites. It was explained that a commitment to deliver a strategy to deal with the transition of removal of the provision of skips from allotment sites (for use by tenants) had been made by the Council (minute reference: PRF 9/360)

RESOLVED: 1) that the matter be noted; and 2) that the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Allotment Maintenance Working Party.

10/83 FINANCIAL STATEMENT – APRIL - JULY 2020

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1st April to 31st July 2020.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement for the period 1st April to 31st July 2020 be approved.

Public Comment. There were no comments from members of the public.

10/84 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee resolved to exclude the press and public from the next item 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.

10/85 SUNNINGDALE ALLOTMENT SITE

The Committee considered the confidential verbal report by the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk were congratulated on the way the delicate issues had been handled.

RESOLVED: that the confidential report be noted.

10/86 SUNNINGDALE ALLOTMENT SITE FENCE

The Committee considered the confidential report by the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: 1) that the matter be noted; and 2) that a survey of the fence be commissioned.

The meeting closed at 8.28pm.

Signed: (Chairman) Date: