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EARL SHILTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of the
LEISURE, PARKS, CEMETERY & OPEN SPACES (LPCOS) COMMITTEE
MEETING

Held at 7 p.m. on
Tuesday 03 May 2022
At the Public Library, Wood Street, Earl Shilton, LE9 7NE.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllr D Almey, Cllr A Bates, Cllr A Burton, Cllr B Granger, Cllr G Granger and Cllr L Wharton.

In attendance: Deputy Clerk: Mrs C Houghton.
Members of the public: Nil.

- 21/115** Chairman's welcome and opening remarks.
- As Cllr I Faver, Chairman, was unable to attend the meeting, Members voted and nominated Cllr D Almey to chair tonight's meeting.
- Cllr D Almey welcomed all Members to the meeting.
Noted and received.
- 21/116** To receive apologies for member absence.
Resolved: to accept the apologies from Cllr I Faver as tabled and recorded.
- 21/117** Declarations of interests. To receive disclosures of member's interests, i.e. the existence and the nature of those interests in respect of items on this agenda.
None.
- 21/118** To receive and approve as a true record the minutes of the LPCOS Cttee meeting held on 05 April 2022.
Resolved: that the minutes of the LPCOS Cttee meeting of the 05 April 2022, as tabled, be accepted as a true record of proceedings.
- 21/119** Public Participation:
- a. Public speaking protocol – requests received by the protocol deadline to be submitted to the Clerk with details of the agenda item they wish to address/relate. **None.**
- b. That the meeting may be adjourned to allow members of the public to make representation about items that are not on the agenda (*Electors' Time*). **N/A**

21/120 To receive a written monthly report from the Deputy Clerk.

Members received in their agenda pack a detailed report from the Deputy Clerk listing income received, unscheduled outgoing expense, works that have been completed since the last meeting, scheduled works for the month ahead and general updates.

The Deputy Clerk updated Members on the recent successful applications from HBBC:

- i) *Maple Way Park PCIF grant for a brand new toddler play unit and surface. This is match funding of 50% that ESTC will receive towards the project.*
- i) *S106 funds received to purchase a new bench and litter bin for Borrowdale close. These have been ordered but can take up to 10 weeks delivery.*

Further updates to Members included:

- ii) *The mole traps recently purchased and set at the cemetery by the ESTC Groundcare team have been stolen. The Groundcare team will look to replace them with another style of trap which sits more underground.*
- iii) *The plaques that represent the Queen's Green Canopy for the Queens Platinum Jubilee have arrived and will be installed at the wild meadow and Borrowdale Close as planned.*

Noted & Received.

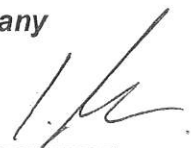
21/121 Correspondence received:

a. *Late correspondence received since this agenda was set.*

i) *A resident has requested that ESTC extend the width of the access gap in the fence into the wild meadow at Wood Street Park, to allow mobility scooters etc to gain access.*

Members discussed how the fence could be adapted to accommodate the request made.

Resolved: Members discussed the matter and felt that as the new Westfield Farm development, which backs on to the wild meadow, has plans for a more permanent footpath to link through the wild meadow to the town, Members agreed that no action will be taken at the moment to adapt the fence, as this will be considered with the new footpath. The Deputy Clerk will advise any



residents of this decision if any further enquires are made to the office.

- 21/122** To consider the request from the football club that hires Weaver Spring's Park pitches to erect a sign promoting the club and to add an additional pitch to the grounds.

The football club that hire the 3 pitches at Weaver Spring's Park, and who are a part of the FA and the Football Foundation, would like to erect a sign on Weaver Spring's Park promoting the club and the sport. They have also requested to have an extra pitch marked out within the park that would be used for 5 a side football for the younger aged groups, which they are willing to mark out themselves at no cost or time to ESTC.

Resolved: Members agreed to the sign being installed, on the provision that the ESTC logo and a statement that ESTC are in partnership to provide these facilities are visible on the sign. Members also agreed for the football club to mark out the extra pitch at their own cost and would be for them to maintain. The Deputy Clerk will contact the club to advise of these decisions.

- 21/123** Members are to discuss a resident's request to carry out works on trees located at QEII Hall Field Park.

A resident has requested to the ESTC office to remove branches from two trees which are over hanging into their garden. The Deputy Clerk and the ESTC Head of Groundcare met onsite to look at the trees and could see no overhanging branches that need cutting back, as this was only done at the late part of 2021 by the ESTC Groundcare staff. Photos were provided to Members of the trees as they are now. The trees border the park and the resident's back garden.

Resolved: Members reviewed the photos provided and agreed that no action is needed at present, especially as Cllrs visited the site only a few weeks ago to look at the trees so they have a clear understanding of the area. It was agreed by Members that the ESTC Groundcare team will keep check on the branches and cut back as and when is necessary. The Deputy Clerk will advise any residents of this decision if any further enquires are made to the office.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm with the Chairman thanking members for their attendance and contributions.



