

Noted and received.

e) Mole infestation update at Mill Lane Cemetery.

The Office Clerk briefed members regarding the latest report from the pest control contractor (Target). As of mid-November 2016 the active molehills have been reduced to 4 only and these have been treated accordingly. The ongoing cycle will revert to a steady state treatment plan as opposed to an intense one.

Noted and received.

f) Update on Wood Street Park Anti-social behaviour issues.

The Town Clerk informed members that the Town Mayor and he had represented the upward trend of ASB issues concerning Wood St Park to the 28 November 2016 meeting of the Neighbourhood Police Area (NPA) Team meeting. In short, the NPA Team will monitor Wood St Park as an ASB hotspot and have noted that the Town Council's park based CCTV is now back in operation and can be used to access footage of potential wrongdoing.

Noted and received.

g) [REDACTED] and park visits.

The Office Clerk informed members of the visit by the commercial play equipment contractor, i.e. his tour of Council parks with her, Cllr Brown and the outdoor staff. A costed list of suggested repairs will be submitted by Mr [REDACTED]'s firm to members in the near future.

Noted and received.

h) Quote requested from re Wood Street Park hedge.

Cttee members were asked to consider a motion to accept an extension to the outdoor contractor to include a seasonal cut for the hedges on Wood St Park. The cut will cost £150.

Resolved: to cut the Wood St Park hedges as quoted for at £150.

i) Update on resident request to re- pollard Northern boundary Lime Trees in QEII Hallfield Park.

The Town Clerk and members discussed the recent history of how the trees have been managed since 2013 when they were professionally pollarded. Additionally recent written professional advice and costs were considered. On balance members did not see the need to resolve to pollard the trees at this time. The Town Clerk is to inform the resident accordingly in due course and thank the tree surgeon for his advice.

Noted and received.

- j) Ladder for outdoor team as requested by LCC highways risk assessment.*

The Town Clerk explained to all Cttee members that the County Highways risk assessment for the installation of the newly acquired Mobile Vehicle Actified Sign (MVAS) speed monitor to selected approved lamp posts requires a specific step ladder that council do not possess. With the expertise of Cllr Tebbett such ladders had been identified, costed and sourced at the local branch of a national store chain at a cost of £180.

Resolved: to buy fibreglass platform step ladders for the sum of £180.

- k) Late items. None.*

Confidential Items – in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public will be excluded from the agenda items below by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed and will be requested to withdraw. Members will resolve to go into *Private Session*.

- 16/023** *Request from a local political party for to have a market stall at the local farmers market.*

The Town Clerk presented an email request as mentioned above. The Clerk also presented to members an extract from *Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration* which precludes Town Councils from assisting in the publication of political publicity. The extract draws on the *Local Government Act 1986* and the *2011 Secretary of State's Code of Recommended Practice on Publicity*.

Resolved: to recommend to Full Council that the request is not granted to this or any other political party.

The meeting closed at 8:25 p.m. in good order with the Chairman thanking members and officers for their contributions to proceedings.

Chairman's Initials/Signature



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