

EARL SHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the

LEISURE, PARKS, CEMETERY & OPEN SPACES (LPCOS) COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 7:00 p.m. on

Tuesday 05 December 2017

At The Stute, Station Rd., Earl Shilton, LE9 7GA.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors: M Tebbett (Chairman), Ms D Almey, Mrs C Coe, Ms B Hutt, K Lapsley (Deputy Chairman), C Newlyn and P Statham.

In attendance: Town Clerk: Mr ME Jackson.

- 17/57** *Chairman's welcome, report and remarks.*
The Chairman welcomed members and proceeded to the agenda.
Noted and received.
- 17/58** *To receive apologies for member absence.*
Not applicable.
- 17/59** 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 received.
- 17/60** To receive and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of LPCOS meeting held on 07 November 2017.
Resolved: to approve, as tabled, the minutes of the LPCOS Cttee of the 07 November 2017 as a true record of the meeting.
- 17/61** *To receive the HBBC section 106 (s.106) developer contributions report dated October 2017.*

Through the Cttee Chairman the, Town Clerk explained the current s106 monies available to ESTC for both *provision* and *maintenance* of predominantly parks and open spaces equipment. Members were issued with a hard copy of the latest HBBC procedural guidelines for claiming what are in effect pre-agreed refunds from a 'suspense' sub-account held by Borough Council. Particular mention was made by the Town Clerk to s.106 monies that has a finite time limit caveat before the developer may claw it back without redress from the Town Council.

Noted and received.

- 17/62** *To consider a motion, (S106 monies), to accept a Fenland Leisure quotation regarding park play equipment repairs in line with the Rospa safety check recommendations (£7000 excluding VAT).*

The Chairman talked Cttee members through the Fenland Leisure Products Ltd parks quotation(s) to remedy observations made during the most recent arms-length professional Rospa qualified inspections. The Town Clerk made the funding link to s.106 monies that may be utilised if some or all of the expenditure passes the Borough Council guidelines. The Chairman stated that since the



Fenland quotation was compiled there are some amendments that will require inserting and that to pass the Borough Council value for money test 3 tenders for non-bespoke items will have to be passed.

Resolved: to apply to HBBC for s106 maintenance funding to effect revised Rospa report repairs with 3 tenders for items that are not bespoke.

- 17/63 To consider further professional information regarding tree growth at Mill Lane Cemetery.

Through the Cttee Chairman; members discussed at length the need to authorise remedial boundary tree works at Mill Lane Cemetery. The Chairman rounded off the discussion; setting aside legal obligations, with a detailed analysis of his visit to the site accompanied by the ESTC Head of Groundstaff. The latter has assured the Chairman that most of the proposed remedial work is within the groundcare team's capability.

Resolved: to carry out remedial works for the Cemetery trees in question in-house first and then, if necessary, re-assess the need for external contractor involvement.

- 17/64 To consider 3 contractor quotes for the safety resurfacing of the BMX pump track on Wood Street Park.

The Cttee Chairman led members through the 3 quotes introducing where appropriate notes and advice to ensure that 'like for like' comparisons would be made.

Resolved: to submit to the s.106 Forum of HBBC the 3 comparable quotes to refurbish the pump track with a new sub-base and ware course using SMA10mm tarmac as the preferred long lasting suitable covering.

- 17/65 To consider a revised quote to repair the Maple Way Park (play equipment) 'Mobilus' possibly from s106 monies as a bespoke 'Hags' safety item £1095 exc VAT.

This popular play equipment feature requires a bespoke piece of HAGS (Swedish) equipment from a franchised UK supplier to effect an operational repair at what is an additional cost of £1095 plus VAT.

Resolved: to purchase and fit this piece of additional equipment as soon as possible with the aim of utilising s.106 monies.

- 17/66 To report to Cttee members the cost/duration of the 'felling of small trees' training course provided by Brooksby Melton (BMC) College.

Members discussed the need to have a groundcare operative able to work at a reasonable height. Cllrs were briefed that a member of staff is willing to undertake such training at Brooksby Melton College centre of excellence. The cost for this 2 ½ day course is £525 net of VAT.

Resolved: to budget for this training in the next Financial Year 2018/9.

The meeting closed at 8.29 p.m. with the Chairman thanking all members for their attendance and contributions.


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