

EARL SHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the

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

Held at 7:00 p.m. on

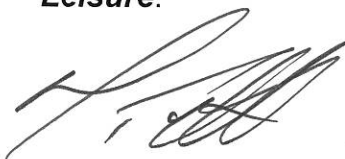
Tuesday 03 April 2018

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors: M Tebbett (Chairman), Mrs C Coe, Ms A Williams,
K Lapsley, P Statham, Ms B Hutt.

- 17/96** *Chairman's welcome, report and remarks.*
The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.
Noted and received.
- 17/97** *To receive apologies for member absence.*
Apologies received from Cllrs Ms D Almey.
Resolved: that the apology be accepted.
- 17/98** 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. Cllr C Coe declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 17/103 being a member of the United Reformed Church, owners of the related land.
Noted and received.
- 17/99** To receive and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of LPCOS meeting held on 06 March 2018.
Due to the Office Clerks period of sick absence the minutes of the meeting held on 06 March 2018 were incomplete.
Resolved: To note and receive at the next Full Council meeting.
- 17/100** To consider quotes for the Rospa repairs on Weavers Park.
Members had difficulty in agreeing the best tender for the wet pour repairs for both the helicopter and the swing areas as they did not present like for like quotations and that damage to the wet pour other than the large area beneath the helicopter may not have been included.
Resolved: The Office Clerk ask Fenland Leisure to visit and re submit their quote.
Members felt that the Climbing Wall and Multipondo rocker repairs identified in the Fenland Leisure quote could be fitted by ESTC Groundcare staff therefore saving on the installation fee.
Resolved: That the parts in quotation 33191 be ordered from Fenland Leisure.



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- 17/101** To consider quotes for tree care on Borrowdale Close.
Following the report of deterioration to all trees on Borrowdale Close Open Space, The Chairman arranged accompanied site visits from two separate tree surgeons (Harbours and Johnsons) to assess and advise on work required to 7 large poplar trees which were in places showing signs of decay.
Noted and received to await quotes.
- 17/102** Update on quotes for new play equipment at Wood Street Park.
Nothing to report.
- 17/103** To consider a proposal for ESTC groundcare staff to take on grass cutting of the lawned area by the car park in Alexander Avenue.
It was reported by a member that this work had now been commissioned elsewhere.
Noted and received.
- 17/104** To discuss quotes received for a new notice board at Mill Lane Cemetery.
It was discussed at the meeting on 06 March 2018 that the Cemetery Noticeboard was too small for the amount of notices that needed to be displayed. Quotes were discussed for the wooden options as discussed at the last meeting minuted 17/88.
Resolved: To order a new noticeboard for Mill Lane Cemetery from Arien Designs Ltd at a cost of £1019.00 exc VAT.
- 17/105** Chairman's Late items.
- 1) The recent absence of groundcare staff through sickness and holidays identified the need for duplicate keys for all locks to be held securely in the office.
Noted and received
 - 2) The apprentice has now passed his required academic standards and will be employed by Earl Shilton Town Council from 04 April 2018 where he will receive his induction training from the Town Clerk and Head of Groundcare.
Noted and received.
 - 3) In order to evaluate the time savings professed by Farols from the newly purchased grass cutting equipment, it was suggested the Head of Groundcare produce a mowing schedule.
Noted and received.
 - 4) In consideration of tree inspections being carried out professionally on a regular basis, it was noted that a tree warden has previously been identified by Council (though this did not have to be an officer of the Council this had been the previous Deputy Clerk). It was suggested that a volunteer from the community might be willing to consider this position and that this could be advertised on the Councils website/Facebook.
Noted and received.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm with the Chairman thanking members for their attendance and contributions.

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