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EARL SHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the

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

Held at 7:00 p.m. on
Tuesday 04 February 2020
At The Stute, Station Rd., Earl Shilton, LE9 7GA.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors: Ms D Almey, Chairman, Mrs A Burton, Deputy
Chairman, Mrs C Coe, Ms V Darker, Ms J
Duplock, Mrs G Granger and Mr K Lapsley.

In attendance: Office Clerk: Mrs C Houghton.

Members of the public: Nil.

- 19/124 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks.

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming all Cllrs.
Noted and received.
- 19/125 To receive apologies for member absence.
None.
- 19/126 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 A Burton regarding 19/129 b) and 19/131 due to
being a member of ESiB.
**Resolved: to allow the above named member to remain
in the meeting regarding the item mentioned but not
vote on matters should the need arise.**
- 19/127 To receive and approve as a true record the minutes of the
LPCOS Cttee meeting held on 07 January 2020.
**Resolved: that the minutes of the LPCOS Cttee meeting
of the 07 January 2020, as tabled, be accepted as a true
record of proceedings.**
- 19/128 To receive a written report from the ESTC Office Clerk.

Members received in their agenda pack a detailed report
from the Office 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 pack also included an up to date

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income and spend report for the LPCOS Cttee and a list of works to be carried out by the ESTC Groundcare team in the months ahead. Members also discussed the suggested item, a pressure washer, to be purchased for the ESTC Groundcare team.

Resolved: the Office Clerk covered the points listed in the report provided to members. Members agreed for the Office Clerk to purchase the best valued and recommend pressure washer from an online company redacted at an approx cost of £228.00 + vat.

19/129

Correspondence received:

a. To consider the request for ESTC to renew the *Fields in Trust* membership.

Resolved: members agreed for the Office Clerk to renew the ESTC membership with 'Fields in Trust' at a cost of £65.00 for the period 02/2020-02/2021.

b. To update members on the request put forward from Earl Shilton in Bloom to maintain the wild meadow in Wood Street Park.

The Office Clerk updated Members on the request from ESiB, to allow ESiB to maintain the wild meadow area located in Wood Street Park. The ESTC Groundcare team will continue to maintain the footpaths within the area but that is all. The Town Clerk has authorised the request.

Noted and received.

c. To review the recent Section 106 Play & Open Space & Recreational Facilities Questionnaire ESTC have submitted to HBBC.

The ESTC Town Clerk and Chairman, Cllr C Coe, completed and submitted the questionnaire to HBBC. Members received a copy of the questionnaire, for reference, via email from the Office Clerk on 30 Jan 20.

Noted and received.

d. To update members on the recent vandalism at Wood Street Park and to consider ESTC replacing the play equipment that has been damaged.

Members discussed the recent ASB damage caused to ESTC play equipment at Wood Street Park and reviewed the quote to replace the damaged items. Members went on to discuss how best to ensure that the guilty party is made to realise that they should not consider this normal or good

behaviour. Strategy: the Office Clerk is to liaise with the professional Youth Worker involved in the case work.

Resolved: the Office Clerk is to follow up the strategy with the Earl Shilton Youth Worker. Members also agreed for the Office Clerk to order the replacement parts from * the play equipment provider, at a cost of £205.72 + vat.

* redacted

19/130 To consider getting a local contractor to carry out hedge works on ESTC parks and open spaces.

The Office Clerk advised members that the ESTC Groundcare team would benefit from having a local contractor carry out the hedge cutting works at Weaver Springs Park and Wood Street Park. Members are to consider the quote from a local and trusted contractor to complete the hedge works.

Resolved: members agreed for the local contractor to carry out the required hedge works at a cost of £455.00. The Office Clerk is to arrange this.

19/131 To consider a request made from Earl Shilton in Bloom for the ESTC Groundcare Supervisor to attend the East Midlands in Bloom Seminar on 20 February 2020.

ESiB feel it would benefit the ESTC Groundcare Supervisor to attend the seminar, as it will provide an insight into the 'In Bloom' judging requirements.

Resolved: due to ESTC Groundcare staff annual leave, which would leave ESTC with no Groundcare team on this day, Members decided that it would not be possible for the Groundcare Supervisor to attend the EMI B Seminar. The Office Clerk and the Groundcare Supervisor will liaise with ESI B over the forthcoming months and work together to ensure areas of the Town are addressed.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm with the Chairman thanking members for their attendance and contributions.

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