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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 03 September 2019

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 J Duplock, Mrs G Granger and Mr K Lapsley.

In attendance: Office Clerk: Mrs C Houghton.
Earl Shilton in Bloom (ESiB) Representative: 1 as recorded.

19/049 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks.

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming all Cllrs and the ESiB representative.

Noted and received.

19/050 To receive apologies for member absence.

Resolved: to accept the apologies from Cllr V Darker and Cllr A Williams as tabled and recorded.

19/051 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 19/053 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.

19/052 To receive and approve as a true record the minutes of the LPCOS Cttee meeting held on 06 August 2019.

Resolved: that the minutes of the LPCOS Cttee meeting of the 06 August 2019, as tabled, be accepted as a true record of proceedings.

19/053 To be joined by a ESiB representative to discuss a request made by ESiB for the ESTC Head of Groundcare to attend the East Midlands in Bloom (EMiB) Seminar in February 2020.



ESiB have requested that the ESTC Head of Groundcare is to join them at the *EMiB Seminar* next year. ESiB feel it will be an excellent opportunity for the ESTC Groundcare team to get a feel of the work ESiB do, which will then benefit both ESiB and ESTC when it comes to carrying out works within the Town. ESiB are willing to pay for the entry and travelling cost for the ESTC staff member.

Resolved: members agreed that once ESiB have the confirmed date, times and full schedule of the Seminar, they are to submit this to the Staffing Cttee to review.

19/054 To provide a written report from the Head of Groundcare.

Members received in their agenda pack a detailed report from the Head of Groundcare, advising of all works the team have carried out since the last meeting and the works scheduled for the month ahead.

Noted and received.

19/055 To provide an update from the Office Clerk on action points since the last LPCOS meeting held on 06 August 19.

Members received in their agenda pack a detailed report from the Office Clerk, advising of all actions carried out since the last meeting and the works organised for the month ahead.

Noted and received.

19/056 Correspondence received:

a. Leicestershire County Council are giving Councils the opportunity to discuss the development of wildflower areas.

Resolved: members discussed that no areas within the Town would be suitable for a wild meadow. Members agreed to take no action on this matter.

b. Review of the ESTS Tuesday morning market.

A local trader has advised ESTC that they will no longer be trading at the market. This now creates a vacant stall.

Resolved: members have asked the Office Clerk to contact the trader and confirm that they do not wish to continue trading at the market. Once this is confirmed then the vacant stall will be advertised for a new market trader to join the ESTC market.

c. Vandalism to park furniture at Wood Street Park.

A bench located within Wood Street Park has been vandalised, with 2 of the wooden seating strips being snapped in half.

Resolved: the ESTC Groundcare team are to re-fit 2 new wooden panel strips to make the bench useable and to treat all ESTC wooden benches with a varnish to protect the wood from weathering etc.

19/057

To review the options for the pavilion exterior works at Weaver Springs Park and the container at Wood Street Park by a professional graffiti artist.

The Chairman advised members that no designs were submitted to ESTC through the recent social media request for the pavilion. The Chairman then discussed with members how Heath Lane Academy, one of the local schools, are extremely interested for their art students to submit designs and to be a part of this community project. Members went on to then reviewing the suggested art design for the container at Wood Street, put forward by the professional artist.

Resolved: the Office Clerk is to contact HLA and provide the details for the students to get involved in this project, which will then be put to members at the next Cttee meeting to decide on the preferred design. Once decided the professional artist will carry out the works to the pavilion.

Members also agreed for the professional artist to go ahead with his design for the container at Wood Street, at no cost to ESTC.

19/058

To discuss options for s106 Provision Spend at Maple Way Park.

Members reviewed multiple options for a new piece of play equipment to be purchased for Maple Way Park using s106 Provision funds.

Resolved: members agreed for the Office Clerk to order the 'Rocking Horse' from Redacted at a cost of Redacted

19/059

To discuss options at Oakdale Road Open Space:

a. s106 Provision Spend.

Members reviewed options of park furniture and security for the open space, taking into account that this area is mainly used by dog walkers.

Resolved: the Office Clerk is to gain quotes to have a new secure gate installed, given the open space full enclosure for dog walkers and residents who visit the site.

b. Works to be carried out on all shrubs, trees and the boundary of the open space.

Prior to the Cttee meeting tonight, members met onsite at Oakdale Road to look at the works involved to clear the boundary from all shrubs etc.

Resolved: members agreed for this to be a winter project for the ESTC Groundcare team. Works to be carried out involve cutting back all the over grown shrubs, trees and ivy. This will then give a clearer view of the boundary and if any further works are then required to maintain the ESTC land.

19/060 To review the cost to replace a piece of play equipment at Maple Way Park.

Members reviewed the cost to replace the roof of the toddler play house, which has damage on both sides.

Resolved: members agreed for the Office Clerk to order the replacement part from the original supplier ~~Redacted~~ at a cost of ~~Redacted~~.

19/061 To review the options of having the Mill lane Cemetery gates locked/unlocked.

A local resident, out of their own good will, has been locking and unlocking the Mill Lane Cemetery gates over the past several years. The resident has now been in touch with ESTC to advise that they find this voluntary job not so enjoyable, mainly due to gangs hanging around the gates at night. The resident is considering handing the keys back to ESTC for someone else to do the job.

Resolved: the Office Clerk is to contact the local resident to discuss if they are still considering handing back the keys or if they are willing to continue locking and unlocking the Cemetery gates.

The meeting closed at 7.45p.m. with the Chairman thanking members for their attendance and contributions.