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EARL SHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the

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

Held at 7 p.m. on
Tuesday 02 February 2021
Virtual meeting via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors: Ms D Almey, Chairman, Cllr A Burton, Deputy
Chairman, Cllr C Coe, Cllr G Granger and Cllr K
Lapsley.

In attendance: Office Clerk: Mrs C Houghton.

Members of the public: Nil.

20/084 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks.

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming all Cllrs, wishing
Members well in these concerning times.

Noted and received.

20/085 To receive apologies for member absence.

No apologies of absence were received from Cllr A Darker.

20/086 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 D Almey and Cllr C Coe regarding 20/090 b) due to
being Members of the Waterloo Historical Group.**

**Resolved: to allow the above named members to
remain in the meeting regarding the item mentioned but
not vote on matters should the need arise.**

20/087 To receive and approve as a true record the minutes of the
LPCOS Cttee meeting held on 05 January 2021.

**Resolved: that the minutes of the LPCOS Cttee meeting
of the 05 January 2021, as tabled, be accepted as a true
record of proceedings. The Chairman received the
original documents prior to the meeting, so they can be
signed.**

20/088 Public Participation:

- a. Public speaking protocol – requests received by the protocol deadline to be submitted to the Clerk with details of the agenda item they wish to address/relate. **None.**
- b. That the meeting may be adjourned to allow members of the public to make representation about items that are not on the agenda (*Electors' Time*). **None.**

20/089 To receive a written monthly report from the 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.

Noted and Received.

20/090 Correspondence received:

- a. A request to promote a website that provides links and print outs for walking routes around Leicestershire.

A website that provides links to local walking groups around Leicestershire has been put forward by a member of *Walking in England* for ESTC to promote the site to residents, through social media platforms.

Resolved: members reviewed the details and agreed that the website could be promoted on the ESTC Facebook page.

- b. *Late relevant correspondence* received since this agenda was set.

The renewal quote for the insurance which covers the Waterloo Headstone, located within QEII Hall Field Park, has been received. Previously, the Waterloo Historical Group covered the insurance cost, but it has now been put forward to members, for ESTC to adopt the memorial and cover the insurance costs.

Resolved: members agreed to recommend to Full Council to accept the renewal quote, which will cover the Waterloo Headstone for a further 5 years at a cost of £390.00 and for ESTC to adopt the memorial.

- 20/091 Members are to review the guidance provided to enable ESTC play areas to re-open.

Members discussed all options and the logistics on this matter, considering the impact of ESTC staff manning the re-opening of the play areas and the health & safety implications involved.

Resolved: after careful consideration, Members agreed to keep the play areas closed for now, especially as the national lockdown restrictions are still in place and the spread of COVID-19 is still high within the Town. Members will review the matter at next months meeting and will also consider having banners located at all play areas once re-opened, to promote the guidelines, such as the 2 metre distance rule.

- 20/092 To consider options within the Town that ESTC could have bee friendly planters and wild plant areas.

The Office Clerk suggested to Members, areas such as the gateway that leads in from Hinckley and the barrier baskets that are located on the Co-op railings could be planted with bee friendly plants. New barrier baskets would also need to be purchased as the current ones are becoming worn.

Resolved: members discussed and agreed that the Office Clerk is to investigate costs of large planters to enable possible sites such as Borrowdale Close, to become a bee friendly plant area and also to get quotes for new barrier planters.

- 20/093 To consider any possible projects for the Borough Council's Environmental Improvement Programme 2021/22.

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council are inviting local Councils to suggest any projects that have a conservation/heritage relevance to be considered in the 2021/22 programme.

Resolved: members discussed this matter and decided not to apply for the project this year.

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. So Resolved.

- 20/094 To consider quotes for new street furniture, to be located within ESTC parks, using possible s106 funds and/or applying for a grant through the Parish & Community Initiative Fund.



The Office Clerk provided Members with quotes for new litter bins and a new picnic bench to be purchased for ESTC parks.

Resolved: members reviewed all quotes for the new picnic bench for Wood Street Park and have chosen ~~Redacted~~ to supply the new benches at a cost of £240.00 + vat each. Members will review the need for new litter bins at next months meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm with the Chairman thanking members for their attendance and contributions.

