

EARL SHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the

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

Held at 7 p.m. on
Tuesday 05 April 2022
At the Public Library, 1st Floor,
Wood Street, Earl Shilton, LE9 7NE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllr I Faver (Chairman), Cllr D Almey, Cllr A Bates,
Cllr A Burton, Cllr B Granger and Cllr G Granger.

In attendance: Deputy Clerk: Mrs C Houghton.

Members of the public: Nil.

21/104 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks.

The Chairman welcomed all Members to the meeting and to the new ESTC meeting premises.

Noted and received.

21/105 To receive apologies for member absence.

Resolved: to accept the apologies from Cllr L Wharton as tabled and recorded.

21/106 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 regarding 21/109 due to having involvement in the war memorial trees located in the wild meadow of Wood Street Park.

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.

21/107 To receive and approve as a true record the minutes of the LPCOS Cttee meeting held on 01 March 2022.

Resolved: that the minutes of the LPCOS Cttee meeting of the 01 March 2022, as tabled, be accepted as a true record of proceedings.

21/108 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*). **N/A**

21/109 To receive a written monthly report from the Deputy Clerk.

Members received in their agenda pack a detailed report from the Deputy 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 Deputy Clerk suggested to Members to replant more trees within the wild meadow, in autumn, at Wood Street Park, due to the memorial trees having been vandalised. This will be an agenda item in the forthcoming months. The Deputy Clerk made Members aware that Earl Shilton in Bloom have confirmed this year's theme is relating to the Queen's Jubilee and the colour scheme for the flowers will be purple, blue, white & silver, and also that the application submitted to HBBC for funding towards the upgrade of the CCTV system located at Wood Street Park has been successful. The upgrade works are due to take place on 07 & 08 April 2022.

Noted & Received.

21/110 Correspondence received:

- a. To consider a small local clothing business attending the Tuesday morning ESTC market.

The request is to attend the Tuesday morning ESTC market. The local business sells clothing and is currently advertising through social media and their own website. They have the relevant public liability insurance.

Resolved: Members agreed for the local business to join the market. The Deputy Clerk will arrange this.

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

None.

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.

21/111 To update Members on possible maintenance works to the ESTC War Memorial, located on Wood Street.

The Deputy Clerk provided Members with a quote for having the War Memorial professionally cleaned and some light maintenance works to be carried out on it. The Deputy Clerk has also been in contact with the Borough Council's Senior Economic Regeneration Officer, and submitted an application for funding towards this project, which ESTC will hopefully find out if successful by June 2022.

Noted and received.

21/112 To update Members on the recommended tree works for the 27 lime trees at QEII Hall Field Park.

On 24 March 2022 Members were invited to meet onsite to view the trees to enable them to gain a better understanding of the situation. Cllr A Bates, Cllr A Burton and the Deputy Clerk attended the site visit. The Deputy Clerk also advised Members that the professional tree surgeon who was originally appointed to carry out the original pollard tree works, has now advised that they are not in a position to quote for the option of maintenance pruning works, due to this being such an involved and time consuming job to take on.

Resolved: Members discussed the matter in detail and agreed that no works will be carried out on the trees over the forthcoming months. As the autumn approaches, the Deputy Clerk will look into gaining quotes for pruning works. In the meantime the ESTC Groundcare team will keep the lower branches cut back. The Deputy Clerk will also look into ESTC implementing a policy for tree works within the Town.

21/113 To review the report from the ESTC Head of Groundcare regarding the ESTC plant machinery and equipment.

The ESTC Head of Groundcare has made a request for new plant machinery and equipment, which will enable the team to work more efficiently and effectively.

Resolved: Members agreed to the purchase of the new mowers at an approx. cost of £660 +vat, to sell the Stiga machine for the best price possible and to trade in the flail attachment with the supplier for a more effective grass cutting attachment, at no cost to ESTC.

21/114

Members are to judge the entries submitted from local primary schools who have created posters to promote litter picking within the Town, which will be displayed in the ESTC bus shelter poster cases and on the ESTC social media page.

Members were able to look at all the entries received from the local primary school.

Resolved: Members were overwhelmed with the effort the children had made in creating their posters. Two posters were chosen as joint winners. The posters will be displayed in the ESTC bus stops and on the ESTC Facebook page.

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

