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Deputy Clerk.

EARL SHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the

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

Held at 7 p.m. on
Tuesday 01 March 2022
At Independent Chapel, 89 High St.
Earl Shilton, LE9 7LR

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

In attendance: Deputy Clerk: Mrs C Houghton.

Members of the public: Nil.

- 21/093 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks.

The Chairman welcomed all Members.
Noted and received.
- 21/094 To receive apologies for member absence.
None.
- 21/095 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.
None.
- 21/096 To receive and approve as a true record the minutes of the LPCOS Cttee meeting held on 01 February 2022.
Resolved: that the minutes of the LPCOS Cttee meeting of the 01 February 2022, as tabled, be accepted as a true record of proceedings.
- 21/097 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**

Chairman's Signature 

21/098 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.

Noted and received.

21/099 Correspondence received:

- a. To consider the request from a local family run bakery business to have a stall at the Tuesday morning ESTC market.

Resolved: Members agreed for the local bakery business to have a stall at the ESTC Tuesday morning market. The Deputy Clerk will liaise with the business to arrange a start date.

- b. To consider the request from a resident for ESTC to purchase a litter picker trolley.

A resident, who suffers with ill health, has asked if ESTC would consider buying a litter picker trolley for them to use, as the resident volunteers litter picking around the Town, and has expressed how the trolley would make it easier for carrying the bags and equipment.

Resolved: Members agreed that it was not feasible for ESTC to purchase the trolley. The Deputy Clerk will contact Leicestershire County Council to see if they have any spare equipment that they could provide to the resident.

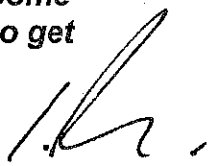
- c. Late correspondence received since this agenda was set.

None.

21/100 Members are to consider if ESTC are to take part in *The 2022 Great British Spring Clean*.

The 2022 Great British Spring Clean takes place between 25 March – 10 April 2022. Members discussed if ESTC should arrange a date for ESTC Members, staff and local residents to participate in the campaign.

Resolved: Members decided that ESTC should participate in this campaign. The agreed date is Saturday 02 April 2022. The event will be advertised on the ESTC Facebook page, encourage residents to come and join in and also emailed to all ESTC Members to get involved. The Deputy Clerk will advertise it.



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.

- 21/101** To consider purchasing 'The Queen's Green Canopy plaque' to be located next to the oak tree sapling being planted within the wild meadow at Wood Street Park, in recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The *Royal British Legion* are working with veterans to make the plaques in recognition of the Queens Platinum Jubilee.
Resolved: Members agreed to purchase 2 x plaques from the Royal British Legion Industries, one for the wild meadow and one for Borrowdale Close, as both of these areas are having trees planted in recognition of the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Members agreed for both plaques to be A4 size at a cost of £154.99 each. The Deputy Clerk will order these.

- 21/102** To review the quotes to purchase a new bench and litter bin to be located at Borrowdale Close, in recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and a new litter bin for the open space located on Elmdale Road.

Members reviewed the quotes for the new street furniture for i) Borrowdale Close and ii) Elmdale Road. Although ESTC are not responsible for the litter bin located on the Elmdale Road open space (it is unknown who is responsible for the litter bin) the area is maintained by ESTC.
Resolved: Members agreed to purchase i) the Lakeside Seat in black and Derby Compact litter bin for Borrowdale Close at a cost of £1093 +vat, The Deputy Clerk will apply for available s106 funds of £938.00 to contribute to the cost, and ii) the Derby Compact litter bin for Elmdale Road at a cost of £249.95 +vat.

- 21/103** To update Members on the tree works scheduled for the 27 lime trees at QEII Hall Field Park.

The Chairman advised Members that on 23 February 2022, he attended a site visit at QEII Hall Field Park along with the ESTC Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Cllr Leman, HBBC tree officers and professional tree surgeons to discuss the works required for the lime trees. HBBC have refused the application to pollard the trees, as they have been in previous years, in order to prevent the trees from being cut so as to put at risk their long term health. The suggested

works from HBBC is to i) remove the lime trees in stages over a period of time and replant with a more suitable selection such as native trees in a better location within the park, which will also offer a better variety of species, encouraging biodiversity, or ii) look into having the trees thinned out which will reduce the height slightly and raise the crown of each tree, but leaving the trees in better condition than if they were to be pruned.

Resolved: Members were unhappy with the suggestion to remove the trees and did not see it as an option, unless deemed dangerous or in poor condition. The Deputy Clerk is to ask the professional tree surgeon to provide a quote for option ii), and then Members will discuss this matter further at the next LPCOS meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm with the Chairman thanking members for their attendance and contributions.

