

EARL SHILTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of the
LEISURE, PARKS, CEMETERY & OPEN SPACES (LPCOS) COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 7 p.m. on
Tuesday 02 April 2024
At the Public Library, Wood Street, Earl Shilton, LE9 7NE.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllr A Bates (Chairman), Cllr M Tebbett (Deputy Chairman), and
Cllr M Leman, Cllr B Paczek

In attendance: Deputy Clerk: Miss Cally-Ann Higham.
Head of Groundcare: Andre Green
Members of the Public: None

23/129 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks.

The Chairman welcomed all Members and the Deputy Clerk and the Head of Groundcare to the meeting.

Noted & received.

23/130 To receive apologies for Member absence.

Resolved: Apologies received and accepted from Cllr D Almey and Cllr C Wells.

23/131 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

23/132 To receive and approve as a true record the minutes of the LPCOS Cttee meeting held on 09 January 2024 and 05 March 2024.

Noted & Received: that the minutes of the LPCOS Cttee meeting of the 09 January 2024, as tabled, not accepted and to be revisited on May 7th . Minutes from 05 March 2024 as tabled, be accepted as true record of proceedings.

23/133 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***

23/134

To receive a verbal report from the Head of Groundcare.

Head of Groundcare discussed the current struggles with mowing due to the weather we have received, this has made the grounds to soft. They have used the trimmer on the smaller places to cut the grass back. Mentioned that they could now do with the other mower ready for better weather, to ensure all operators have the right equipment. Also that the team could do with another trimmer. All planting locations are ready for summer plants.

Noted & Received: Committee have agreed to purchase the second Mower as agreed November 2023. Committee would like to review the HAV testing in May and go through all equipment required for daily Tasks. Also for the Deputy Clerk to get in contact with Farols regarding the wood chipper we purchased in the past.

23/135

To receive a written monthly report from the Deputy Clerk.

Members received a written report from the Deputy Clerk detailing listing income received, unscheduled outgoing expense, works that have been completed since the last meeting, scheduled works for the month ahead and general updates such as.

i) Unscheduled out goings: Isuzu Truck need's to be jump started by third party as the batteries are not keeping charge. May result in replacements.
Noted & Received: Deputy Clerk to update committee.

ii) New Groundcare Operative to begin employment 15th April 2024.

iii) New Defib installed and registered at St Simon & St Jude Parish Hall.
Noted & Received: Deputy Clerk to post on Social Media for the community.

iv) Works to the remaining 40 Lime trees to commence 9th April dependant on weather. **Noted.**

v) Deputy Clerk and Cllr M Leman assessed Mill Lane Cemetery Grazing land before tenant departure.
Noted: Border fencing has become damaged due to age and weather. Groundcare team are looking in to repairing this. May need new panels at a later date.

vi) Fire extinguishers have been installed in all ESTC containers, Pavilion and the vehicles.

viii) ESTC have now inherited the Dog Waste bin on Montgomery now, this shall be serviced by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council alongside all ESTC owned Dog waste bins.

ix) Receiving a lot of Anti-Social Behaviour on ESTC parks over the month of March. Alongside damage to equipment and prohibited vehicles on parks.

Noted: Deputy Clerk has posted this on Social Media as well as contacting the Local Beat Team who have been patrolling the area. The beat team have been able to recover the vehicle that caused damage to Weaver Springs.

- 23/136 Correspondence received:
- a. Late correspondence received since this agenda was set.
None.
- 23/137 To discuss Earl Shilton Town Council Tree policy.
Noted & Received: Tree Policy agreed and accepted by Committee.
- 23/138 To consider Deputy Clerk and Groundcare staff going to Ground fest Exhibition in September at Stoneleigh.
Noted & Received: Committee agreed for the Head of Groundcare and the Deputy Clerk to attend in September. Also the invitation to all councillors who would like to attend is open.

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 decide as necessary to resolve to go into Private Session. So, resolved.

- 23/140 To review the cost of Public Protection Order signs throughout ESTC Parks and Open Spaces. Also location of installation.
Noted & Received: Cllr A.Bates to pass on details to the Deputy Clerk of another company to source a quote from. Then to apply For the Community Equipment Grant Fund from Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council. Committee agreed to us Option 3 Dog fouling on the smaller Open spaces and Option 2 that includes enclosed play areas. These will be shown on each Entrance/Exit of the parks. Also to purchase Stickers of Option 3 Dog Fouling for ESTC bins.

Last Item

The meeting closed at 20:52pm with the Chairman thanking members for their attendance and contributions.



