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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 04 July 2023

At the Public Library, Wood Street, Earl Shilton, LE9 7NE.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors: Cllr A Bates (Chairman), Cllr S Roper (Deputy Chairman), Cllr D Almey, Cllr M Tebbett and Cllr C Wells .

In attendance: Deputy Clerk: Mrs C Houghton.
Members of the public: Nil.

23/012 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks.

The Chairman welcomed all Members to the meeting.
Noted and received

23/013 To receive apologies for member absence.
Resolved: to accept the apologies from Cllr C Ladkin as tabled and recorded.

23/014 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.

23/015 To receive and approve as a true record the minutes of the LPCOS Cttee meeting held on 06 June 2023.
Resolved: that the minutes of the LPCOS Cttee meeting of the 06 June 2023, as tabled, be accepted as a true record of proceedings.

23/016 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.**

23/017 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 such as;

Chairman's Signature 

- i) the new cemetery mapping system is in the process of being produced.
- ii) the new nest swing for QEII Hall Field Park has been delivered and will be installed by the ESTC Groundcare team.
- iii) the swings and helicopter at Weaver Springs Park that were condemned on the ROSPA inspection will be removed by the ESTC Groundcare team in the next few months.
- iv) a dog waste bin located at Weaver Springs Park has been relocated approx. 30m down the car park, as agreed by this Cttee.
- v) still awaiting a start date for the BMX track works at Wood Street Park.
- vi) vandalism to a picnic bench located at Wood Street Park, a slat has been broken off. The Groundcare team will replace it in due course.

Noted and received.

23/018

Correspondence received:

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

None.

23/019

To discuss potential works on the Lime trees located at QEII Hall Field Park.

The Chairman advised Members that a site visit was conducted with Borough Cllrs to access the trees. The Deputy Clerk has since contacted the HBBC Planning Manager for advice on what action can be taken to maintain the trees. ESTC are still awaiting his response.

Noted and received.

23/020

To review the plans for the open space located on Oakdale Road.

The Chairman and Deputy Clerk visited the site recently to enable them to have a clear view of the comments expressed by residents, both negative and positive. The open space has a wide mowed path around the circumference of the area that also leads to the bench and waste bin. There was no sign of dog fouling or litter. There are multiple areas of wild flowers present with wildlife thriving from them.

Resolved: Members agreed that the open space will remain as a wild meadow due to the positive impact it has had so far for encouraging wildlife within the Town. If dog walkers wish to exercise their dogs on a mowed area they have other open spaces around the Town they can do so. The Groundcare team will ensure that the wild meadow does not encroach onto the properties that border the area.

23/021

To consider the Chairman's suggestion for a *Letter to Heaven* post box to be located at Mill Lane Cemetery.

Members discussed this matter in detail, considering all aspects of the post box and how it would work.

Resolved: Members agreed for the Deputy Clerk to contact the local Churches for opinions on this idea and also to contact Councils who have implemented this idea, to see how they manage it and whether



or not they have encountered any negative feedback and how they handle any letters posted etc.

23/022

To review a quote from the manufacturer to have doors supplied for the ESTC Gator utility vehicle.

Members reviewed the quote for the doors and the reasons as to why they are needed.

Resolved: Members understand the reasons why the doors are required but before a resolution is made they would like to have a report from the ESTC Head of Groundcare on the forecast of any equipment needed in the next 12 months, as this could affect the budget. They would also like a report of any training the Groundcare team require in the next 12 months. The Deputy Clerk will ask the Head of Groundcare to attend the next LPCOS meeting so it can be discussed.

The meeting closed at 7.39 pm with the Chairman thanking members for their attendance and contributions.



