

FERNDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee** held on Monday 18 November 2019 at 7.00pm at the Barrington Centre, Pennys Walk, Ferndown.

ATTENDANCE LIST

Councillors: T Cordery, I Flay, S Fleetham, Miss K Stamp, N Wellstead.

Officers: Mrs Tina Dudley (Acting Town Clerk), Miss Susan Denton (Notetaker)

The Chairman informed the meeting that there would be an urgent report considered at the end of the meeting.

260 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Parkes who was away on holiday and Councillor M Stickley due to work commitments.

261 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

262 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

263 Minutes

Following consideration of the minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2019 it was PROPOSED by Cllr I Flay, SECONDED by Cllr N Wellstead and unanimously –

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee held on 7 October 2019.

264 Minutes of Traffic Working Parties

Members noted the notes of the Traffic Working Party held on 21 October 2019.

265 Forward Plan

Members considered the Draft Forward Plan 2019/2020

Ford Lane

Cllrs Cordery and Fleetham had visited the site and noted that the changing rooms were in a very bad state of repair and unsuitable for use. Members noted some

income had been received for using the football pitch. Cllr Cordery will speak with Keith Wilcox, Head Groundsman, regarding the future of the facilities.

Dugdell Play Area

The Clerk advised that an insurance claim had been submitted in respect of the broken play equipment. A quote for repair was sent and some months later the insurers requested an additional quote which has now been provided. Members have visited the site and advised that the green areas of the play area require some maintenance by the Lengthsman as well as some new bark chippings. It was clarified that nothing could be relocated from the KGV playpark as it would not meet current regulations. The Clerk will push for a final decision from the insurers and keep Members informed of progress.

Youth Centre

It was agreed not to set up a Task and Finish Group for the Youth Centre, but to invite the Youth Worker in Charge to the next meeting of this Committee.

Town Centre Regeneration

Members agreed that Cllr Parkes should be asked to approach Dorset Council on this issue in his role as Dorset Councillor.

Amenities

The Town Clerk advised there are no bus shelters in the town that need replacing.

Lengthsman

Discussions are taking place with Dorset Council about joint workings for clearing main and side paths in the town. Members agreed that overgrown hedges require attention.

In respect of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) in place with the BID (Business Improvement District) for £5200 per annum for work carried out by the Lengthsman, Members agreed that the BID be approached with a view to increasing this to £6200.

Footways/Cycleways

Cllr Cordery suggested allocating three footways (within their own wards if possible) for each Councillor to check. Cllr Cordery advised that he has spent three years working on the Ferndown Stour and Forest Trail where all routes are now passable but where help is now needed to install signposts.

266 Street Furniture

Members noted the street furniture that is currently within the remit of the Committee.

It was considered that a new map is needed for the Millennium notice board and the Clerk will obtain a cost for this.

The Clerk will clarify with the Lengthsman as to whether the bin at Dugdell is a dog or general waste bin.

Members agreed that the damaged planter situated in the lay-bye past The Angel PH towards Longham should be removed and destroyed.

The Clerk will clarify with the Lengthsman whether he is responsible for the flower displays on the Sainsbury's roundabout.

267 Bus Stop Wimborne Road East (Ameysford Road)

Members unanimously agreed a quote obtained by the Clerk from Shelter Solutions for the supply and installation of a replacement polycarbonate panel to the bus shelter at a cost of £284.48.

Cllr Miss Stamp advised that two bus stops; one outside The Centre on Heatherlands, and the other on Lockyers Drive, require improvement by way of seats and potential cover. The Clerk will investigate options and present these at the next meeting.

268 Victoria Road Tree Light Survey

Members noted a decision made under delegated powers and agreed a virement of £2000 from 'Contingency' and the balance from the 'Noticeboards' budget. The Clerk advised that these lights are not covered under the current lighting contract.

269 Youth Services Report

Members considered a report provided by the Youth Worker in Charge and asked that he be invited to attend the next meeting of this Committee to update them in person on issues, including staffing of the Youth Centre.

270 Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Budget 2020/2021

INCOME

105/1 Allotment rental

The Clerk advised that allotments were available and it was hoped that take-up would increase in the Spring.

110/3 DCC Youth Provision Fund

Members requested that this item be removed.

EXPENDITURE

201/8 Lengthsman's Scheme Fuel

Members requested that this be increased to £1750.

202 Ford Lane

Cllr Miss Stamp will clarify potential ringfencing of monies for the Ford Lane changing rooms with Cllr Mrs Robinson.

202/11 BMX Track

Members requested that a budget of £750 be set.

202/12 Tree Inspection

Members requested that this be reduced to £500.00.

203/1 Dugdell Grounds Maintenance

Members noted this should read £2000.

203/2 Equipment Replacement

It was noted that this is dependent on the result of the insurance claim.

204/12 World War 1 commemorations

Members agreed this budget heading could now be removed.

205/1 Christmas Decorations Installation

Members agreed to increase this from £11,300 to £12,300

206/6 Bollards

Members agreed a budget of £250.

207 Floral Displays

Members agreed one total budget of £5000 for floral displays throughout the town.

215/7 Youth Centre Cleaning Products

Members requested that this be reduced from £700 to £350.

271 Correspondence

The Clerk advised that no correspondence had been received.

272 Lengthsman Report

After considering a report presented by the Clerk, Members unanimously agreed that a recommendation be put before Personnel Committee to employ an additional permanent Lengthsman for a period of 37 hours per week.

273 Date of the next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee was scheduled to be held on 3 February 2020 in The Barrington Centre, Pennys Walk, Ferndown.

The meeting closed at 8.49pm.

Chairman