

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROJECT AND AMENITITES COMMITTEE
HELD VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

Councillors: E. Blackshaw (Chairman),
E. Benner, S. Haywood, S. Holyoake,
M. Pirt, K. Walker

Councillor K. Phillips – As Observer

Parish Clerk
Administrative Assistant

3 Members of the Public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M. Lemon.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor E. Benner be elected Vice Chairman of the Committee until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2021.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor S. Holyoake declared an interest in items 6 and 7 on the Agenda in relation to the requests from The Bridge.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

5. REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES 2021/22

The Committee considered the various fees and charges for the services provided by the Committee, namely the allotments, pitch fees, cemetery charges and hire charges for the Parish Room. Copies of the current fees and charges were previously circulated to Members.

RECOMMENDED that the Finance and General Purposes Committee apply a 2% inflation cost to all the current fees and charges.

6. PARISH ROOM – FOOD BANK REQUEST

The Clerk submitted the request received from The Bridge to establish a food bank at the Parish Rooms (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members).

RESOLVED that the request be agreed and that the food bank be established in the Parish Room/Office.

7. ALLOTMENTS – STORE PROVISION

The Clerk submitted the request received from The Bridge to establish a store on the allotment site for a surplus produce to support the food bank (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members).

RESOLVED that the request be agreed and that a store for surplus produce be established on the allotment site.

8. CEMETERY – GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE – DISEASED TREE

The Clerk submitted the quotations received for the removal of a diseased tree located in the Garden of Remembrance section of the Mountsorrel Cemetery (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members).

RESOLVED that the quotation received from Tindle Tree Care in the sum of £180.00 be accepted.

9. PEACE GARDEN – TOWNSWOMENS GUILD REQUEST

The Committee considered the request of the Townswomen's Guild to plant a tree in the Peace Garden to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Guild together with supporting correspondence from the Mountsorrel Museum and Heritage Trust (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members).

RESOLVED that the request be agreed subject to confirmation from a tree specialist that the proposed tree was suitable for the proposed location.

10. PEACE GARDEN – MAINTENANCE

The Committee considered the request of the British Legion to undertake maintenance at the Peace Garden (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members).

RESOLVED that

(1) The Council's General Operative undertake the repair of the Memorial Bench for the late Harold Newman as soon as possible

- (2) The site fencing and gates be repainted by the Council's General Operative during the Spring/Summer 2021
- (3) The comments relating to the Tree Survey be noted and the British Legion be advised that this is a project currently under discussion
- (4) The Clerk contact Charnwood Borough Council to request the removal of waste by the weir bridge
- (5) The Council's Cemetery Gardener undertake weed spraying at the appropriate time.

11. RECREATION AREAS – ANNUAL PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT

The Clerk submitted the Annual Playground Inspection Report for the Halstead Road and Loughborough Road Play Areas (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members).

RESOLVED that

- (1) The Clerk arrange for the Council's General Operative to carry out all Health and Safety Repairs as a matter of urgency
- (2) The Clerk contact Tarmac to request assistance to repair the BMX track
- (3) The Clerk contact the play equipment provider of the Loughborough Road play area to request that they address the finger trap identified in the report for the inclusive Whirl.

12. LOUGHBOROUGH ROAD PLAY AREA – LITTER BIN

At the request of Councillor Lackey, the Committee considered the provision of a litter bin for the Loughborough Road Play Area.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be granted delegated authority to purchase an appropriate litter bin and arrange for its installation provided the cost did not exceed £350.00

13. LEICESTER ROAD DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk reported that the signage on the Leicester Road Defibrillator had been removed and requested authority to purchase replacement signage at a cost of £15.00 plus VAT.

RESOLVED that replacement signage for the defibrillator located on Leicester Road be purchased at a cost of £15.00 plus VAT

RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section (1) and (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

14. HALSTEAD ROAD PROJECT

Further to the meeting of the Council's Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 2 June 2020,

- (1) the Council's Planning Consultant
 - (a) submitted his report on the progress of the project including the draft Deed of Transfer, the draft Deed of Variation to the Section 106 Agreement, a revised transfer plan showing the land edged red (to be transferred) and land shaded yellow to be transferred once the second phase of the Jelson development had been completed (copies of which had previously been circulated to Members)
 - (b) reminded Members of the financial arrangements including the result of the tender exercise for the construction of the cricket pitch
 - (c) submitted the legal advice received from the Council's legal representative on the restrictive covenants and advised that covenants numbered 12.4.2, 12.4.4. and 12.4.6 in the proposed Deed of Transfer would need to be slightly amended to reflect the Council's preferences as agreed at the 2 June 2020 meeting.
- (2) Members considered the report and documentation provided and advised that in view of the lack of time in which they had had to consider this they were unable to support the project going forward until they had received further details of the costs, the financial contributions and the timing of when these were going to be made available and from whom.
- (3) The Chairman proposed, seconded by Councillor M. Pirt, that
 - (i) Section 12.4 of the draft Transfer document be amended to delete the words "cricket pavilion" and insert the words "sports pavilion" and to amend the permitted use of the land to include "community events" and "some occasional commercial use"
 - (ii) The Council's Planning Consultant be authorised, in conjunction with the Council's Legal Representatives and the Clerk, to negotiate with representatives of Jelson to secure the proposed amendments to the Transfer document.

On being put to the vote, it was lost 4 votes to 3.

- (4) The Chairman proposed, seconded by Councillor E. Benner, that a meeting be held with the Chairman, the Clerk and the Council's Planning Consultant with a view to producing a report outlining the costs, the source of the funding and the anticipated time frame for the receipt of the funding for submission to a future meeting of the Committee.

On being put to the vote, it was carried 6 votes to 1.

RESOLVED that a meeting be held with the Chairman, the Clerk and the Council's Planning Consultant with a view to producing a report outlining the costs, the source of the funding and the anticipated time frame for the receipt of the funding for submission to a future meeting of the Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.26 pm

Chairman.