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10 September 2014

Dear Sir or Madam

I hereby give notice that a meeting of the **Public Land & Open Space Committee** will take place on **Tuesday 16 September 2014** at the **Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade** commencing at 7pm in order to transact the undermentioned items of business.

Yours faithfully

Cllr Mrs WP Smith
Chairperson

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Cllr Mrs H Ramsay

Cllr G Wilson (Vice Chair)
Cllr P Biernis
Cllr S Watkins
Cllr M North

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2014/15 TERM

For Members to elect a Chair of the Public Lands and Open Spaces Committee for the remainder of 2014/15 term

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2014/15 TERM

For Members to elect a Vice Chair of the Public Lands and Open Spaces Committee for the remainder of 2014/15 term

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- (a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in any agenda item –
- (b) Non-pecuniary interests in any agenda item –

5. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

A period of up to 15 minutes is permitted to allow members of the public to ask questions that are pertaining to matters listed on this agenda.

6. **MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

- a. For Member to receive the minutes of the Public Lands and Open Spaces committee meeting held on 29 July 2014.

7. **MATTERS ARISING**

- a. From the Public Lands and Open Spaces committee meeting held on 29 July 2014.

8. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

a. **Quotations for replacement play equipment at Kitelands & Franklins Recreation Ground**

Quotations for Kitelands and Franklins recreation ground were initially to be funded from outstanding 106 monies.

Previous applications submitted for 106 monies by the Town Council are drawing down on 106 monies for informal open space, sport and children's play. At the initial discussions with Central Bedfordshire Council the projects were accepted as projects that could draw down on the 106 monies and a certain amount of flexibility would be considered. After further discussion with Central Bedfordshire Council it is now apparent that the flexibility to draw down on the remaining 106 monies is no longer there.

At this time the 106 monies available to draw down on for children's play is £7,575.96. The Town Council hold reserves from developer's contributions which could be allocated to fund the shortfall in funding for the proposed projects.

At the Town Council meeting held on 26 August 2014, Members requested that the specification for the equipment is modified and new quotations be sourced.

Following site inspections on the 10th September 2014 carried out by the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk, some doubt has been raised if indeed what we are being asked to obtain quotations for, is what is required for the above sites.

Officers are recommending that Committee members arrange to visit the above sites to determine what replacement equipment is required.

When members have decided on how they wish to proceed and determined a specification for tender, further final quotations can be obtained.

Members are asked to consider dates when they are available to carry out site visits to Franklins and Kitelands recreation grounds.

9. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

There are no items for information.

10. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

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11. **EXEMPT ITEMS**

The following resolution will be moved that is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are excluded whilst the following exempt item +issue(s) is discussed.

There are no exempt items

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Council **resolve** to exclude the public and press by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.