

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PUBLIC LAND & OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 JUNE 2012 AT THE OFFICES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, THE OLD COURT HOUSE, SAFFRON ROAD, BIGGLESWADE

Present: Cllr Mrs W Smith (Chair), Cllr I Bond, Cllr B Briars, Cllr P Vickers, Cllr G Wilson, Cllr R Skinner, Cllr Mrs J Lawrence.
Rob McGregor – Town Clerk
Sue Crowther – Administrative Assistant

Also present: Cllr D Lawrence and Cllr T Woodward.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr S Watkins.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

(a) Prejudicial interests in any agenda item - there were no prejudicial interests declared.

(b) Personal interests in any agenda item – there were no personal interests declared.

3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There were no items discussed during the public open session.

4.1 ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF VICE CHAIR

It was **RECOMMENDED** that Cllr I Bond be appointed the office of Vice Chair of the Public Land and Open Space committee for the period 2012/2013.

4.2 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

a. Members received and approved the minutes of the Public Land and Open Spaces meeting held on 27 March 2012.

b. MATTERS ARISING – Public Land and Open Spaces meeting held on 27 March 2012

a. Item 5b – Installation of Parkour

The Town Clerk advised Members that there is still one quotation outstanding.

Item 5e – Biggleswade Cricket Club

The floodlights still have not been removed.

Rob McGregor said that the Football Club that was supposed to take down the lights, was restricted with the hire of a crane. Rob McGregor had advised them of a local company who had quoted £1600 to take the lights down, the Football Club would make contact with this company.

Cllr Mrs W Smith said that if the contractor does not remove the floodlights within the next week, Town Council would remove them.

Item 5h – Installation of Street Snooker

This item was deferred for future discussion.

Item 6a – Land East of Saxon Drive, Biggleswade

CBC has replied to Town Council and they are not interested in Town Council purchasing the land. CBC has been contacted again and Town Council will keep chasing for a reply.

Item 6d – Drove Road Cemetery

It was **RECOMMENDED** that once all the quotations have been received, they go to full Council for consideration.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) Biggleswade Bowls Club

Members considered quotations received for the resurfacing of the roadway leading into Drove Road Recreation Ground car park.

Quotations were attached – A, B, C.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that quotation **B** is accepted and that this be presented to full Council on 26 June.

b) Grasmere Recreation Ground

Members received correspondence from Miss J Gunstone, regarding Grasmere Recreation Ground.

Members received a report from the Deputy Town Clerk summarising the issues with the provision of play equipment at Grasmere Recreation Ground.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that in the short term, the play equipment be fenced off and warning signs be erected. The play equipment is to be removed and possibly relocated. New equipment and location of replacements will be discussed at a later date.

c) Jubilee Fun Day

Members discussed the success of the Jubilee Fun Day held at Eagle Farm Road and to considered the possibility of organising an annual fun day

Members agreed that the Jubilee Fun Day had been a resounding success and thanked Town Council staff for all their hard work.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the possibility of Town Council staging an annual Fun/Family day be discussed at full Council.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

a) Allotments

Members received the minutes of the meeting with BAG, held on 25th May 2012.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that this be noted.

b) Soil Sample Kitelands

Soil samples were undertaken on 18/05/12 and the results do not show any issues with contamination. CBC planners have been provided with the findings of the soil sampling and asked to confirm that Town Council are able to proceed with installing the activity trail under Permitted Development rights.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that this be noted.

7. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There were no items discussed during the public open session.