



MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC LAND AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.00 PM
AT BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, SAFFRON ROAD, BIGGLESWADE

PRESENT:

Cllr K Brown
Cllr L Fage (Vice Chairman)
Cllr F Foster (Chairman)
Cllr M Foster
Cllr M Knight
Cllr M North
Cllr D Strachan
Cllr C Thomas

Mr P Truppin, Acting BTC Town Clerk
Mr B Catchpole, BTC Works Manager
Mrs J Durn, BTC Meeting Administrator
Cllr I Bond – In attendance
Members of public – none

18/02/01 **1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr R Pullinger, Cllr M Russell

ABSENT:

None

18/02/02 **2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

- 18/02/02.1 **a.** Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in any agenda item – None
18/02/02.2 **b.** Non-pecuniary interests in any agenda item – Item 7c, Cllr K Brown.

18/02/03 **3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

To adjourn for a period of up to 15 minutes to allow members of the public to put questions or to address the Council, through the Chairman, pertaining to matters listed on the Agenda.

There were no questions.

18/02/04 **4. INVITED SPEAKER.**

There was no Speaker in attendance.

- 18/02/05** **5. MINUTES OF MEETING FROM THE PLOS MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2019:**
- 18/02/05.1 **a.** Members received and approved the Minutes of the Public Lands and Open Spaces Committee Meeting (PLOS) held on 10 December 2019.
- 18/02/06** **6. MATTERS ARISING**
- Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Public Lands and Open Spaces (PLOS) meeting held on 10 December 2019.
- 18/02/06.1 **a.** Cllr D Strachan: **Item 4 10/12/04 The Great Outdoor Gym Company.** Council would like to receive additional information and costs, following which this item to be placed on a future Agenda to discuss whether it would be beneficial to Biggleswade.
- Mr Catchpole will obtain this information.
- 18/02/06** **7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**
- 18/02/07.1 **a. Jubilee Recreation Ground – Ashly Gardens**
- Members were asked to consider a request from a resident to open up the fencing between Ashly Gardens and Jubilee Recreation Ground.
- It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Council reply to the resident to advise them that there is an alternative route.
- It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Council inform the resident of the original planning application so that information on alternative routes may be obtained.
- It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Council establish a dialogue with the developer in order to fully understand the requirements.
- 18/02/07.2 **b. Biggleswade United Football Club**
- Members considered a request from Biggleswade United Football Club for financial assistance towards the costs of the installation of new floodlights at second meadow.
- It was pointed out that only one estimate had been provided. Members would like to know what other alternatives are available; and are also concerned about the energy efficiency of the floodlights.
- It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Clerk write to BUFC to ask for more information about their proposals.
- It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Clerk investigate the situation with the lease.
- 18/02/07.3 **c. Biggleswade Cricket Club**
- Council have received a request from Biggleswade Cricket Club for permission to install a second cricket crease at Fairfield Recreation Ground.
- It was **RESOLVED** that Biggleswade Town Council have no objection to this request.

18/02/08 **8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

18/02/08.1 **a. Works Managers Report**

Members thanked Mr Catchpole for his comprehensive report.

There were concerns over the lack of progress on the Drove Road Workshop. It was agreed that this matter is now being dealt with by the F&GP Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to pass this forward to the next F&GP Agenda

18/02/09 **9. Budget Report**

Members received copies of Detailed Income and Expenditure based on actual budget heading 31st December 2019, and Detailed Income and Expenditure based on projected budget heading 31 December 2019.

This information was **NOTED**. Following discussion on the format, the Clerk will take Member's comments back to the Accountant for inclusion in the documents,

18/02/10 **10. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

To adjourn for a period of up to 15 minutes to allow members of the public to put questions or to address the Council, through the Chairman, in respect of any other business of the Town Council.

There were no questions.

18/02/11 **11. EXEMPT ITEMS**

There were no exempt items.

Date of next Meeting: 17th March 2020