



MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC LAND AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 19 JUNE 2018 AT 7.00 PM
AT BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, SAFFRON ROAD, BIGGLESWADE

PRESENT:

Cllr B Briars (Chair)
Cllr D Albone
Cllr F Foster
Cllr M Foster
Cllr D Strachan

Mr M Thorn, Deputy Town Clerk
Mrs J Durn, Meeting Administrator

Members of staff – 1

19/06/01

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr M North, Cllr S Patel

ABSENT:

Cllr P Sheldon

19/06/02

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

19/06/02.1
19/06/02.2

- a. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in any agenda item – None
b. Non-pecuniary interests in any agenda item – None

19/06/03

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.

No members of the public attended the meeting.

19/06/04

4. MINUTES OF MEETING

19/06/04.1

- a. Members received and approved the Minutes of the Public Lands and Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on 20 March 2018.

19/06/05

5. MATTERS ARISING

From the Minutes of the Public Lands and Open Spaces meeting held on 20 March 2018.

19/06/05.1

- a. Item 5a – BUFC: Cllr D Strachan asked for an update on the renewal of the lease for Biggleswade United Football Club.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the lease has just been received and is now awaiting signatures which are expected imminently.

- 19/06/05.2 b. Item 6b: Cllr D Albone asked for an update on the request from Biggleswade Football Club regarding the options for purchase or lease of the Lakes Recreation Ground by the Club.

The Deputy Town Clerk has no further update.

19/06/06 6. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

19/06/06.1 a. **Footpath FP24 Eagle Farm Road**

Members considered correspondence from the CBC Definitive Map Officer regarding proposed alterations to the route of Footpath FP24 that crosses Eagle Farm Road Recreation Ground and neighbouring land off Sorrel Way/Chambers Way proposed for development.

It was **RESOLVED** to raise **NO OBJECTION** to the request, providing the original boundary line is kept, and subject to any impact on trees and shrubs being kept to a minimum.

19/06/06.2 b. **Kitelands Recreation Ground – Ball Court Hard Surface**

Members considered quotations for the installation of a hard surface under the ball at Kitelands Recreation Ground.

It was **RECOMMENDED** to accept Quote A for £9379.15, with a request to Town Council to fund from General Reserve.

19/06/06.3 c. **Drove Road Cemetery Footpaths**

Members considered quotations for repairs to footpaths at Drove Road Cemetery. The proposed work is to remove the southern boundary footpath and return to grass, and to resurface the area around the chapel.

It was **RECOMMENDED** to accept Quote A for the removal of the southern footpath at a cost of £6,246.87, with a request to Town Council to fund from the General Reserve.

It was **RECOMMENDED** to progress Quote A for resurfacing around the chapel, but with a reduction in the size of the area to be resurfaced. The Deputy Town Clerk to discuss with contractor. A request to Town Council to fund from the General Reserve.

19/06/06.4 d. **Biggleswade Skate Park**

Members considered correspondence from CBC regarding the future of the Biggleswade Skate Park and Chambers Way Play Area.

It was **RECOMMENDED** to respond to CBC to express an interest in principle to the ownership and management of both the Biggleswade Skate Park and Chambers Way Play Area once the Skate Park works are complete. This is subject to further information and clarification of boundaries. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Skate Park alone would not be of interest.

- 19/06/07 7. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**
- 19/06/07.1 a. **Grounds Maintenance Workshop, Storage and Welfare Facilities**
- A revised planning application has been submitted. This was **NOTED**.
- 19/06/07.2 b. **Kitelands Slide**
- Members were pleased to **NOTE** that the new slide installation and resurfacing had been completed. It was suggested that Council consider further improvements for families such as placing picnic tables in the area.
- 19/06/07.3 c. **Fairfield Play Area**
- It has taken longer than expected to complete the maintenance in this area. This has been largely due to repainting, welding, re-fabrication and re-setting of the equipment. BTC will be looking of ways of improving repair timescales on future works of this type, so that only the area for repair needs to be closed off and not the whole of the play area.
- 19/06/07.4 d. **Public Open Spaces at Kings Reach**
- The Contractors need to re-profile the ground and this must be of suitable standard before being accepted for adoption by the Council.
- The Hockey Club have shown an interest in taking on the temporary Community Centre, but this has yet to be confirmed.
- 19/06/08 8. **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.
- No members of the public attended the meeting.
- 19/06/09 9. **EXEMPT ITEMS**
- There were no exempt items.