

Minutes of the meeting of the OPEN SPACES & LEISURE COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks on Monday 12 July 2010 at 7.00 pm.

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PRESENT

Cllr R J Parry – Chairman

Cllr A Eyre  
Cllr R Hogarth  
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Cllr M G Short (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr S G Raikes

Also present:  
Cllr R L Piper

In Attendance:  
Chief Executive/Town Clerk  
Open Spaces & Cemetery Manager  
Committee Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr Mrs P C Walshe, Cllr London and Cllr J G Brigden

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the Public present.

68 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received from members in respect of items of business included in the agenda for this meeting

Cllr Parry, being a Member of Kent County Council, stated he would reconsider matters to be discussed at this meeting at County level, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations at Kent County Council.

Cllr Parry, being a Member of Kent Police Authority and Kent & Medway Fire and Rescue Authority, stated he would reconsider matters to be discussed by the Authority, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations.

Cllr Piper, being a member of Sevenoaks District Council stated that he would reconsider matters to be discussed by the Authority, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations.

69 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces & Leisure Committee held on 15 March 2010 be received adopted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

70 THE VINE

i) Updated Report

It was **RESOLVED** that

- the Open Spaces & Cemetery Manager will obtain feedback from the police on the quality of the images the Town Council CCTV cameras recorded and circulate this to the Committee members via email.

ii) Vine Cricket Club – request for Bye Law

It was **RESOLVED** that

- the Council decline their request and recommended that the Vine Cricket Club be requested to report any inappropriate activity directly to the Police, leave a message on the Town Council's answer phone and write to the Town Council. This methodology had worked well at Greatness to decrease anti social behaviour.

iii) Vine Cricket club – netting

It was **RESOLVED** that

- the Open Spaces & Cemetery Manager writes to the Vine Cricket Club to advise that permission has been granted for the club to put up a notice, subject to the prior agreement of the wording and size of the sign by the Town Council. The Town Council did not want to be referred to in the size and did not accept any liability.

71 OPEN SPACES AND CEMETERY MANAGER'S REPORT

The Open Spaces and Cemetery Manager's report together with the Town Warden's report were received and the following noted:

- the Councillors disappointment to learn of Mrs Rosie Merry's departure from the Town Council
- the improvements in the war grave area at Greatness Cemetery
- the wonderful show of Hanging baskets especially the new ones on display along the alleyway to the Stag between London Road and the car park
- the success of the Mayoral Walk on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2010

It was **RESOLVED that**

That we do not proceed with the purchase of an additional camera, but that the Open Spaces Manager

- a. contact Sevenoaks District Council to consider an overall partnership with them in relation to provision of CCTV. The Town Council will consider a holistic review of all the CCTV cameras across the town.
  
- b. contact the Operations Director of St Nicholas Church to advise that the Town Council will obtain a quote for the light. Should they wish to proceed they would need to pay for the installation. Regrettably the Council have no budget to assist with this expense.

72 GRANGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

A request from the Grange Resident's Association to construct a footpath adjacent to Julian's Meadow was received and noted.

It was **RESOLVED that**

- o The Open Spaces & Cemetery Manager advises the full cost of the materials (£3,000) plus one year's maintenance fees (£280) and ask that the Grange Resident's association bear the full cost with a view that the Town Council covers the maintenance costs in their future budgets from 2011/2012.

73 VINE BANDSTAND EVENTS

It was noted that the summer calendar of bands playing every Sunday from 20<sup>th</sup> June to 29<sup>th</sup> August 2010 was being particularly enjoyed by local residents. Audience numbers are increasing weekly.

It was **RESOLVED that**

- o the Committee Clerk contact the Bar Manager of the Vine Cricket Club to see if there is interest to hold a BBQ or similar in conjunction with the band programme.

74 SEVENOAKS TOWN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

A letter from Michael Fallon MP was received and noted.

It was **RESOLVED that**

- o The Open Spaces & Cemetery Manager send a copy of the Greatness Management Plan to the Sevenoaks Town Junior Football Club Ltd and advise that the Town Council welcomes their proposals and ideas for the site and arrange to discuss further with them.

75 SPEEDING OFFENCES

The number of speeding offences for Sevenoaks was received and noted.

76 CURRENT MATTERS

The report on current matters was received and noted.

It was **RESOLVED** that

- the Open Spaces and Cemetery Manager contact KCC Highways to ascertain their interest in Sevenoaks Town Council maintaining the grass land for a fee
- the Committee Clerk invite
  - all Councillors to join in and match any community resources for the Community Clean Up day being held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2010 @ Greatness Recreation Ground
  - the Youth Section of the Football Club.

77 PRESS RELEASE

It was **RESOLVED** that

- a press release be issued regarding the Community Clean Up Day on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2010 inviting the Community to join in with this event and that the Council will match person for person as far as is possible. The Press Officer took note.

The meeting closed at 8:02pm