

Minutes of the meeting of the OPEN SPACES & LEISURE COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks on Monday 15 March 2010 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Cllr R J Parry – Chairman
Cllr J London – Vice Chairman

Cllr P Allen
Cllr J G Brigden (arr. 7.06pm)
Cllr S Raikes (left 7.30pm)

Cllr P E Towell (arr. 7.04pm)
Cllr Mrs P C Walshe
(7)

In Attendance:
Chief Executive/Town Clerk
Deputy Town Clerk

Also present:
Cllr Eyre

There being no one present from Sevenoaks Rugby Club, the presentation was deferred

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr Short

28 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

Cllrs London and Parry, being Members of Kent County Council, stated they would reconsider matters to be discussed at this meeting at County level, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations at Kent County Council.

Cllrs London and Parry, being Members of Kent Police Authority and Kent & Medway Fire and Rescue Authority, stated they would reconsider matters to be discussed by the Authority, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations

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

Cllr London also declared an interest in any matters relating to Sevenoaks Rugby Club
Cllr London and Mrs Walshe also declared an interest in any matters relating to St Nicholas Church

Cllrs Allen and London declared an interest in any matters relating to the Sevenoaks Allotment Holders Association

29 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED that**

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces & Leisure Committee held on 19 October 2009 be received adopted and signed as a true record.

30 OPEN SPACES & CEMETERY MANAGER'S REPORT

The Committee received and noted the Open Spaces & Cemetery Manager's and Town Warden's report

It was **RESOLVED that**

- i). The winter hanging baskets in the town centre be cancelled for next October
- ii). The funds allocated for winter baskets be used for additional summer baskets in the town centre if suitable sites are located
- iii). No funding be allocated by the Town Council for 15 flower troughs at the road junction by the railway station

31 STREET LIGHTING

The Committee received and considered correspondence concerning the missing street light in Dartford Road adjacent to The Vine

Cllr London advised the Committee that he was seeking Kent County Council funding for various lighting projects in the town, amongst which was funding for the replacement of the broken/missing column on the north side of the Vine at no cost to the Town Council

Councillors asked that assurance be sought from Kent Highways that the replacement aluminium column, in keeping with the existing columns, would be strong enough and not be liable to metal fatigue

32 SALT BINS

The Committee received and considered information regarding the provision of salt bins in Sevenoaks

It was **RESOLVED that**

The Town Council re-applies for the salt bins requested previously which met the Kent Highways criteria, together with the additional salt bin for Garth Road. Assurance be sought that all salt bins will be regularly filled with rock salt by Kent Highways

33 GRITTING IN SEVENOAKS/KCC WINTER POLICY FOR KENT HIGHWAY SERVICES

The Committee received and noted information from Kent Highways concerning gritting/snow clearance in Sevenoaks

It was **RESOLVED** that

A letter be sent to Kent Highways requesting that investigations be made to ensure that South Park is regularly gritted and the two-way section of Hillingdon Avenue by the Green is included in the gritting of secondary roads

34 GRANGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

A request from the Grange Residents' Association to construct a footpath adjacent to Julian's meadow was withdrawn from the agenda awaiting further information

35 GRAFFITI REMOVAL

The Committee received information concerning graffiti removal targets

It was **RESOLVED** that

That further details concerning timing and costings be sought and the amended report be brought back to the next Committee

36 FOOTPATH

The Committee noted that an additional public footpath [SR735] between Gracious Lane and Hubbard's Hill has been added to the Definitive Footpath Map

37 CURRENT MATTERS

The Committee received and noted a schedule of current matters.

It was **RESOLVED** that

- i). The possibility of transferring the CCTV from Greatness Park to The Vine on occasion be investigated
- ii). The cost for the installation of a new CCTV camera at The Vine be investigated as a capital item

38 KENT HIGHWAYS TIMETABLE FOR VERGE CUTTING AND HERBICIDE SPRAYING

The Committee received and noted Kent Highways timetable for mowing and spraying for 2010

It was **RESOLVED** that

A letter be sent to Kent Highways concerning the base of the post and rail fence at The Vine and re-iterate the Town Council's request for the concrete to be repaired to prevent weed growth and reduce the need for herbicide spraying

39 JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Committee noted the next meeting of the Joint Transportation Committee is on 16 March 2010. Following discussion

It was **RESOLVED** that

A request be submitted to the police asking for statistics of monitoring of speeding vehicles in Sevenoaks and the percentage figures of persons given warnings and those prosecuted

40 SEVENOAKS ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

The Committee noted the Sevenoaks Allotment Holders Association Draft business Plan

It was Resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for the following item by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

41 RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

The terms for the renewal of the lease was deferred until more information was available

42 PRESS RELEASES

The Committee considered there was no agenda item, which would be appropriate for a press release on this occasion

The Meeting closed at 7.46pm

THE CHAIRMAN