



MINUTES OF STOW ON THE WOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S PARKS & SQUARE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2020 AT THE YOUTH CLUB CENTRE, FOSSEWAY, STOW ON THE WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE GL54 1DW AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillors: L Rixon (Chairman), M Deacon, S Clarke & Mrs H Siphthorp, Clerk/RFO of the council

Also in attendance: Advisor Mr N Surman

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr V Davies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Members were reminded to declare any interests in items on the agenda as the meeting progressed.

3. MINUTES – TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23RD JANUARY 2020

RESOLVED – Proposed Cllr Deacon, seconded Cllr Clarke that minutes should be signed by the chairman as a true and accurate record. **RECORD OF VOTING** – All in favour. **Motion carried.**

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Rixon reported she is meeting with a representative of the Cotswold Conservation Area in a couple of weeks to discuss an alternative location for the wild flowers to be planted on the QEII playing field.

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None as no members of public present.

6. TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN

Deferred until further notice.

7. CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23RD JANUARY 2020

The council's application for funding towards annual Bonfire Event to allow the firework display to be set to music had been unsuccessful due to backlog of applications and the fact that the council had already received a grant in the past.

An invoice had been sent to Stow Cricket Club for the cost of the repair to the wall but as yet has not been paid. Clerk had also contacted the Chairman in relation to public liability and building insurance cover but again no reply to date.

The £583 funding from CDC for street cleaning activities will be earmarked at the end of the financial year.

Clerk still to apply to GCC for cultivation license for flower border adjacent to April Cottage, Fosseway.

There is/are mole(s) on QEII field. The pest control company had visited the site and the problem solved at a cost of £132 + VAT.

Clerk ended her report saying the council had written to Johnsons Coaches in relation to the fact that their drivers continue to drop off in the square rather than the designated coach drop off bay adjacent to Police Station and still continue to go down Digbeth Street. A positive response had been received saying that the brief to the drivers had been updated with correct information.

8. TO DISCUSS REQUEST FROM SWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA TO HAVE A BAKED POTATO STALL AT THIS YEAR'S BONFIRE EVENT

It was agreed that the decision will be deferred until Bonfire 2020 appears on a forthcoming agenda. It was agreed unanimously that if they were given the go ahead then the council would expect a donation of 10% of the takings and this will also apply to Stow Primary School PTFA as well. Clerk to advise both parties of this decision.

9. TO REMIND THAT THE NEXT WORKING PARTY MEETING FOR VE 75 YEARS CELEBRATIONS IS TAKING PLACE ON THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2020 AT 7.00 PM

Members noted.

10. TO REVIEW HIRE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II (QEII) PLAYING FIELD POLICY DOCUMENT

RESOLVED – Proposed Cllr Rixon, seconded Cllr Deacon that recommendation to council is that on page 2 under “Noise” that the guests must be off site by 01.00 hours for Friday and Saturday night events rather than the current arrangement of 01.30 hrs. **RECORD OF VOTING** – All in favour. **Motion carried.**

11. TO ARRANGE A DATE FOR THE HIRE OF A SKIP TO DISPOSE OF RUBBISH IN CONTAINER AT CEMETERY OVERFLOW CAR PARK

Agreed this would be organised sometime in April 2020.

12. REVIEW AND UPDATE ON DOG FOULING PROBLEMS IN THE TOWN

Clerk had met with Mr Kevin Lea a newly appointed officer working for Environmental & Regulatory Services. He had already been around the town and put up some new posters and would like to borrow the council's pavement stencils. Clerk to arrange for chairman, Cllr Rixon to meet with Mr Lea to take him around the town to show the hotspots so that some larger signs can be erected.

13. TO GIVE EXPENDITURE APPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW LITTER BIN TO BE LOCATED SOMEWHERE BETWEEN BRIO RETIREMENT VILLAGE ENTRANCE AND CEMETERY GATE ON FOSSEWAY BY CDC

RESOLVED – Proposed Cllr Deacon, seconded Cllr Clarke that a new bin should be purchased, including installation at a cost of £210.00 + VAT. **RECORD OF VOTING** – All in favour. **Motion carried.**

14. SPRING GARDENS ALLOTMENTS

(i) Update on number of vacant plots

There are currently 7 vacant plots of varying sizes.

(ii) To discuss a request for council to consider widening the pedestrian access gate to allow mobility scooters access to the site via The Park estate

Suggested that a walkabout of the allotments be arranged when this request can be looked at. It was also agreed that at least an annual meeting with the tenants should take place with the committee.

(iii) To report that the Spring Gardens Allotments Association have forged a partnership with Stow Primary School to help the children with their garden area

Mr John Perkins and Mrs Jo Davies will be visiting the school to help pupils with their garden, making it fun for the children and hopefully encourage future gardeners.

(iv) To discuss state of tenants' car park area and any action required

No action required at present. Clerk to obtain costs for resurfacing and formalising this area.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 22nd April 2020 at 7.00 pm.

16. MEETING CLOSED – At 7.53 pm.

Signed: _____ Chairman Dated: _____