



MINUTES OF STOW ON THE WOLD TOWN COUNCIL'S PARKS & SQUARE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH MARCH 2021 VIA ZOOM AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillors: A Clayton (Chairman), J Davies (Vice chairman), J Scarsbrook, S Clarke & Mrs H Siphthorp, Clerk/RFO of the council & 3 members of the public

Also in attendance: Mr N Surman, Advisor

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 21ST JANUARY 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes should be signed as a true and accurate record. **Motion carried.** Chairman will sign the minutes after the meeting.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Clayton said he was pleased to have been elected as the Chairman of this committee and went on to thank Cllrs J Davies & Worker for all their work tidying up around the town over the past few weeks.

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Members of the public were in attendance to participate in the discussion on what was item 9 on the agenda now item 6 below.

6. TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF CRICKET PAVILION AND TO SET UP A WORKING PARTY

Chairman said that he wanted to bring forward this agenda item.

A long discussion ensued which included comments from the members of public present and it was agreed that a working party would be set up and the first meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 6.30 pm. A number of members put themselves forward for this and the clerk is to ask other members of council and also to contact other members of the community too. Two of the three members of public present said they would sit on this working party but the third said he would offer hands on support in any way he could but did not want to be a member of the working party. Clerk said she would also contact Stow Primary School PTFA to see if they wanted to be represented too.

7. CLERK'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21ST JANUARY 2021

The noticeboard by the Shopper's Car Park adjacent to Tesco has been removed.

Temporary signs have been erected at the allotments site to ask pedestrians to walk around the perimeter of the land and not to cut through the allotments. Thanks to Mr Small for putting the signs up.

Tree works continue throughout the town and clerk said that the blanket application to CDC Tree Officer for permission to do works on any trees in the Conservation Area has been approved.

The dry stone wall adjacent to Talbot Square which had been damaged by a Ubico refuse lorry has been repaired.

Clerk said the council had received an email in relation to an alleged resident who was taking large amounts of snowdrops from the QEII playing field. She was approached by the resident to say it was an offence but she still continued. Agreed everyone to watch out for such goings on.

8. SPRING GARDENS ALLOTMENTS

i) Update on allotment renewals and vacant plots

Clerk said that all allotment renewals had been paid and that currently there are no vacant plots with three people on the waiting list and another two people waiting for particular plots to come up.

9. TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF MOVING ONE OF FIVE DOG POO BINS FROM QEII PLAYING FIELD TO FOSSEWAY (ON HIGHWAY VERGE) ADJACENT TO MCCARTHY & STONE DEVELOPMENT

It was confirmed that there are actually four dog poo bins on the playing field not five. Unanimously agreed that one of the bins be relocated to Fosseway. It was also suggested that another could be moved to the bottom end of the field towards Swell by the kissing gate. Chairman and clerk to do a site visit to decide a good location that would be safe for Ubico to empty the bin. Clerk will then contact Ubico to request they relocate the two bins.

10. TO DISCUSS REQUEST FROM RESIDENT IN MAUGERSBURY PARK FOR COUNCIL TO INSTALL A FURTHER SALT GRIN BIN IN THE AREA

Unanimously agreed that as there are two salt bins in fairly close proximity at the entrance to Maugersbury Park that one should be moved to the bottom end to be located somewhere around the hammer head.

11. TO APPROVE COSTS FOR LEASING OVER ROAD CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND TO CONFIRM THAT THE CLERK HAD SOURCED THE MANUFACTURE OF NEW BRACKETS TO HOLD THE STAR DECORATIONS ON ST EDWARD'S HALL

RESOLVED a 3 year hire agreement for two over road voiles – super white including storage at a cost of £363.10 + VAT per annum plus an extra one off charge of £12.50 + VAT to install the council's plugs from old decorations to the new ones is approved. **Motion carried.**

Clerk also reported that she had found out that Stow Ag manufactured the original star brackets and placed an order at a total cost for 14 brackets of £224 + VAT and are ready to pick up.

12. TO DISCUSS SUGGESTION OF PLANTING MORE TREES ON QEII & KING GEORGE'S PLAYING FIELDS INCLUDING HOW THIS WILL BE FUNDED AND THE LONGER TERM IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO MAINTENANCE AND TO BEAR IN MIND POSSIBLE LONGER TERM PLANS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT ON BOTH PLAYING FIELDS (DEFERRED FROM LAST MEETING)

Clerk said that funding appears not to be an issue as the grant available from GCC is for the next five years and she had also found other funding sources. It was suggested that perhaps a working party be set up which could include all committee members if they wish to get involved. Date for first meeting to be arranged. However, the clerk said that GCC said that a planting of a hedge on the boundary with the agricultural field would qualify and it was agreed an application should be put in for this straightway.

13. CLERK TO GIVE UPDATE ON WILDFLOWER PLANTING ON QEII AND KING GEORGE'S PLAYING FIELDS

Clerk was pleased to confirm that the grant application to the Cotswold National Landscape (CNL) she had put in had been approved for an amount of £408. The meeting unanimously agreed that a donation of £15 per Kg for the seeds would be made to the CNL who supply them. This means that the council's contribution to this project amounts to £300 which covers the costs of items that cannot be funded by the grant. It is hoped that the planting will take place in late March when hopefully the weather begins to warm up.

14. TO CONFIRM THAT THE ANNUAL RoSPA PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN APRIL 2021 FOR KING GEORGE’S AND SPRING GARDENS PLAY AREAS

Noted.

15. TO DISCUSS ONGOING MAINTENANCE AND ANY ACTIONS IN RELATION TO THE WELLS

Clerk said that although not their responsibility GCC Local Area representative had kindly sent out a couple of operatives to do some work in the area a while back. Mr Surman had also visited the site and had done further work this week which he reported on. It was agreed that this item would be put on the agenda for the next meeting for further discussions to take place. Clerk said that the Community Payback Team had done a lot of work in this area and indeed all along the lane in relation to the ditches and she hoped when Covid restrictions eased that they would be able to return to the town and carry out such jobs.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 27th April 2020 at 6.30 pm via Zoom.

17. MEETING CLOSED – At 8.12 pm.

Signed: _____ Chairman Dated: _____

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