



SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the meeting of the Special Projects Group held on Wednesday 4th May 2016 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Sherwood Drive, New Ollerton.

Present: Cllrs R Shilling (Chairman), D Batey, M Staley, L Shilling, T Spratley and B Wells
Mrs K Wakefield (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs M Pringle due to family illness and Cllr D Summers due to illness.

Resolved: That these apologies be accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:

None

SP/16/17 **The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Special Projects Group** held on **Tuesday 22nd March 2016** having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record.

SP/16/18 **Town Centre Development:**

1. To receive any reports relating to the land at the rear and side of Ollerton Town Hall.

The Clerk reported that the purchase of the small parcel of land was now complete and procedures ongoing to secure the rights of way on the access road adjacent to the Town Hall.

The Clerk further reported that she had recently met with a senior officer from NSDC regarding the possibility of further partnership working in Ollerton & Boughton. NSDC are keen to have a larger presence in the town and looking at funding for feasibility studies.

Following discussion it was:

Resolved: That the Clerk be instructed to write a letter to NSDC in support of their actions but requesting that OBTC be consulted at all stages for their input.

2. To discuss matters relating to Forest Road Car Park

An earlier meeting with a senior officer from NSDC was acknowledged and the information offered was discussed.

Members commented that whilst the community may benefit from OBTC taking control of the car park the long term liabilities such as maintenance would need to be addressed.

Following further discussion it was

Resolved: That the Clerk be instructed to write to NSDC expressing an initial interest in the offer of the car park but asking for consideration to be given for financial support towards major capital works.

SP/16/19 Matters relating to the Colliery Memorial

The Clerk informed members that legal representatives from the Church & Poor Land Trustees were still working on the lease with regard to access to the site for construction and maintenance. They were also in the process of finalising an indemnity policy prior to the lease being complete.

SP/16/20 To receive any updates regarding Phase Two and Three of the development of Central Park

The Chairman gave feedback from a recent site visit to inspect innovative play equipment. Lengthy discussion took place and concerns were raised about:

- Funding
- Long term maintenance
- Effect on the Precept
- Giving false expectations to the public

It was acknowledged that S106 monies were available with a short term spend date and that the Clerk was already in the process of submitting an application for grant funding from Veolia. In order to submit the application the Council would need to show that they had carried out public consultation. The Clerk suggested that the forthcoming Annual Town Meeting could be used as an ideal opportunity for public consultation.

Resolved: that the Admin Team prepare a focussed consultation form in the style of an earlier consultation event. Reference must be made to the fact that the installation of equipment would be dependent on *“successful external grant funding”*.

SP/16/21 Date of Next Meeting:

The Chairman and other members asked if the date of the meeting could be changed as several members had other long standing commitments on the proposed date,

Resolved: that the next meeting be held as follows -

5.30pm on Wednesday 8th June 2016