



SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the meeting of the Special Projects Group held on Wednesday 12th July 2017 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Sherwood Drive, New Ollerton.

Present: Cllrs R Shilling (Chairman), R Murray, M Pringle, L Shilling and T Spratley
Mrs K Wakefield (Clerk) and Mrs J Fletcher (Deputy Clerk)

Visitors and Members of the Public: M Hoenigmann and C Andrews (Jupiter Play) and J Owen

Apologies: Cllrs D Batey, E Bentley, M Staley and B Wells for personal reasons.

Resolved: That these apologies be accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:

None

DECLARATION OF ANY INTENTIONS TO RECORD THE MEETING:

None

SP/17/24 To receive and agree the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Special Projects Committee held on Wednesday 31st May 2017

The Minutes, having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record.

SP/17/25 Central Park

1. To receive any updates regarding the development of Central Park

The Chair gave a brief update on progress so far.

During discussion concerns were raised regarding litter and anti-social behaviour. This issue to be discussed later in the meeting.

2. To suspend standing orders to allow discussion with invited guests

Suspended standing orders were suspended and the Chair welcomed the Managing Director and the Sales and Design Consultant from the play equipment provider to the meeting.

The project was on schedule and is due to be finished by Thursday and a safety inspection will be carried out on Friday before the site is handed over to the Town Council. The site will be the most interactive play park in the UK. The supplier would like to arrange visits and seminars for Clients, the manufacturer of the equipment

was due from Holland on Monday to visit the site. The supplier would like to work with OBTC in promoting and using the site and engaging with users.

It was confirmed that the equipment carried a 5 year warranty plan, which can be extended if required, and a certificate of warranty would be supplied. There were no exclusions to the warranty unless damage had been caused by severe vandalism. A maintenance plan would also be supplied to enable the Town Council to budget accordingly.

The Chair confirmed that further S106 monies were available. The visitors were thanked for their input to the meeting and the Chair hoped that the excellent working relationship continued, resulting in further play provision for the people of Ollerton and Boughton.

Standing Orders were resumed.

The Chair updated members that an informal meeting had been held recently and an open and frank discussion had taken place. It had been recommended that for security purposes the gates to the park be locked. The anti-social element was getting worse but this was not necessarily caused by users of the park. It had been confirmed by the Amenity Foreman that it was taking in the region of 3 hours a day to clean up the area and with co-operation of the workforce the gates could be locked at a set time on a temporary and voluntary basis, two members of the team per evening. The Amenity Foreman had confirmed at the meeting that he would be prepared to lock the gates but would need to speak with the other members of the team. The decision to carry this out needed to be ratified at a formal meeting.

The Clerk informed members that following an incident at the rear of the Town Hall she had arranged a meeting with a contractor to discuss the supply of CCTV equipment to the public toilets, Central Park and the rear of the Town Hall. The Clerk had been in contact with the local Police Sergeant and a meeting was proposed for either 26th or 28th July. Members were requested to confirm their availability to the Clerk.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow the Amenity Foreman to join in the discussion.

The Amenity Foreman informed the meeting that even with the gates locked during construction, members of the public were climbing over the fence in order to gain access and there had been several incidents of anti-social behaviour.

Other members of the amenity team were unwilling to lock the gates and further discussion took place regarding the use of an outside agency to do so.

The Chair informed members that the park was in an exclusion zone area and any issues should be reported to the Police to enable them to work with the Town Council and deploy sufficient officers to the Town.

Standing Orders were resumed.

Following further discussion it was

Resolved: that the Clerk obtain costs for the use of a security agency and obtain information on prosecution rates along with a definition of what is admissible evidence. This information along with the security issues and anti-social behaviour is to be placed on the agenda of the next Full Council meeting.

SP/17/26 Future Play & Sportsfield development refurbishment

This item is to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

SP/17/27 Town Centre Development

1. To receive any updates regarding Forest Road Car Park

The Clerk tabled the information received regarding the cost implications for a feasibility study for commercial units to be built in the existing access and egress. The study had been carried out by 3 different companies. NSDC had agreed to pay half of the costs.

Following discussion it was

Resolved: that the item be put on the Full Council agenda for further discussion.

2. To receive any updates on the former Courtaulds site

The Clerk informed members that NSDC had confirmed in writing that they had received the monies from OPE and a schedule of timescales had been received by OBTC.

Following discussion it was

Resolved: that the Clerk be instructed to obtain a copy of the brief from NSDC.

A memorial to the Courtaulds workers was to be discussed in more detail at a future meeting.

SP/17/28 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 4th October 2017– 6.30pm