



SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the meeting of the Special Projects Group held on Wednesday 4th October 2017 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Sherwood Drive, New Ollerton.

Present: Cllrs R Shilling (Chairman), D Batey, L Shilling, R Murray (ex officio), L Shilling, T Spratley and B Wells
Mrs K Wakefield (Clerk) and Mrs J Fletcher (Deputy Clerk)

Visitors and Members of the Public: None

Apologies: Cllrs E Bentley, M Pringle and M Staley for personal reasons

Resolved: That these apologies be accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:

None

DECLARATION OF ANY INTENTIONS TO RECORD THE MEETING:

None

SP/17/29 To receive and agree the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Special Projects Committee held on Wednesday 12th July 2017

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

SP/17/30 Central Park

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

The Clerk reported that incidents of anti-social behaviour had decreased though broken glass was still being found during the daily litter pick of the area. New log sheets had been created for the Amenity team and also for incidents reported to the Police.

A report had been made on Facebook regarding damage made to the inclusive swing on the play area. The Clerk was already aware of this and the swing had been taken down by the Amenity team, the Police had been made aware. The supplier had visited site and the swing would be back insitu by Friday afternoon this week.

The Clerk reported that the Amenity Team had repaired a small hole on one of the ramps on the skatepark area.

Councillors were unhappy that an experienced joiner had not been called to carry out the repairs and a proposal was made that the temporary repair stand until a joiner was able to carry out the repair.

A counter proposal was then made that signage be put stating that the ramp was out of use and that the repair be carried out by an experienced joiner as soon as possible as a matter of health and safety.

Proposed: Cllr D Batey **Decision:** Nem Con

Resolved: that the Clerk ensure that the area was fenced off with notices stating that the ramp was out of use. The Clerk was instructed to ensure that the damaged ramp was repaired by a qualified joiner as a matter of urgency. The Clerk was also instructed to request that the joiner fits further access panels into the remaining ramps as per previous discussions.

Further discussion took place and it was

Resolved: that the Clerk contact the Council's H&S advisor, the insurance company and RoSPA for advice for future reference.

Cllr T Spratley said that the Council have a very strong relationship with the supplier and thanked Cllr R Shilling for his work during the negotiation period.

Further discussion took place and it was requested that the untidy state of the grass areas be fed back to the supplier. Certain items of the interactive equipment on the site has been used on Central Park more than anywhere in the UK and in some cases more than the world.

The official opening of Central park was to be placed on the agenda for further discussion of the Events Working Party.

Resolved: that the Clerk prepare a press release using the information provided by the Company's website.

The Clerk informed members that the Community Safety Team from NSDC were currently trying to obtain permission from NCC to site a temporary camera on one of their lamp columns or on the flat roof of Welbeck House adjacent to the site.

The Clerk wished to ask Councillors to consider permanent CCTV on the site. This item was deferred at a previous meeting.

Following discussion it was

Resolved: Agreed by Nem Con decision that this item be referred to the Finance and Audit committee for further consideration following which it would be taken to Full Council as a recommendation.

SP/17/31 Future Play & Sportsfield development refurbishment

1. To discuss ongoing development of play park facilities in Ollerton & Boughton

A presentation by the play equipment provider had been given to members prior to this meeting with regards to the proposed site on Whitewater Road.

Following discussion the supplier had been asked to revisit their suggested proposal for the fencing around the interactive equipment with regards to a higher fence and the inclusion of netting suspended above the whole area.

The same safety matting as used on Central Park's play area was to be used as this would also provide a corporate image.

Following further discussion it was

Resolved: that the Clerk contact NSDC to ensure that an updated Section 106 monies information be made available for the next Finance and Audit meeting and also to confirm if any further monies are to be made available for play parks in the Whinney Lane and Cedar Lane areas.

SP/17/32 Town Centre Development

1. To receive any updates regarding Forest Road Car Park

Cllr B Wells reported that he had heard nothing from the officers at the District Council.

Following discussion it was

Resolved: that the Clerk be instructed to write to the District Council officer for any updates.

2. To receive any updates on the former Courtaulds site

The Clerk reported that all information had been circulated to the members regarding a meeting to be held with the consultants on Thursday 12th October at 4.00pm.

SP/17/33 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 15th November 2017– 6.30pm