



SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the meeting of the Special Projects Group held on Wednesday 22nd November 2017 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Sherwood Drive, New Ollerton.

Present: Cllrs R Shilling (Chairman), D Batey, M Pringle, L Shilling, R Murray (ex officio), T Spratley, M Staley and B Wells

Mrs K Wakefield (Clerk) and Mrs J Fletcher (Deputy Clerk)

Visitors and Members of the Public: Three

Apologies: Cllrs E Bentley for personal reasons

Resolved: That these apologies be accepted

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:

None

DECLARATION OF ANY INTENTIONS TO RECORD THE MEETING:

None

SP/17/34 To receive and agree the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Special Projects Committee held on Wednesday 4th October 2017

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

SP/17/35 Central Park

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

The Clerk reported that incidents of anti-social behaviour appear to have decreased. The Town Council is still working with the Police and the implementation of CCTV cameras is still ongoing. Permission is still awaited from NCC for siting of the camera on their building adjacent to the park.

Further discussion took place and it was

Resolved: that the Clerk work with both the County Councillor and the District Councillor to take this matter forward.

It had been confirmed by the play equipment contractor that the site is in direct competition with play areas throughout the UK and around the World. Central Park is currently the most used facility in the UK and is number in the World.

The opening of the new play area had taken place and the Chair thanked the Deputy Mayor, Cllr R Murray for his presentation.

SP/17/36 Future Play & Sportsfield development refurbishment

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

Following instruction from the previous meeting, a further presentation by the play equipment provider had been given to members prior to this meeting with regards to the proposed site on Whitewater Road.

A brief outline was given of the proposed development of the site. Residents had made clear their wish to have play facilities in this area and had raised money to go towards the equipment on the green open space adjacent to Whitewater Road and Chestnut Drive.

An updated drawing was tabled. It was agreed by all that the plan catered for all ages.

Changes to the height of the fencing had been made along with the addition of self-closing gates.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to contribute to the discussion.

Adult gym and exercise equipment was suggested along with the requirement for CCTV cameras at Central Park. The Chair reported that the gym equipment was being looked at for Central Park in the first instance.

Standing Orders were resumed.

Following further discussion it was

Resolved: that the Clerk invite members of Active for Today and the Dukeries Academy to attend a Full Council meeting on separate occasions.

Further suggestions were presented to members which involved additional finance and it was

Resolved: that this item be deferred to the end of the meeting due to its commercially sensitive nature.

SP/17/37 Town Centre Development

1. To receive any updates regarding Forest Road Car Park

Cllr B Wells reported that things were moving forward. The project was now in the hands of a different NDSC Officer and the Clerk confirmed that all the previous information had been passed him and he had agreed to meet with Cllr Wells.

The Chair asked the Ollerton and Boughton District Councillors to continue to pursue this project with the District Council.

The Clerk confirmed that costings for the access and egress for the site had been passed to the District Council. The cost of the feasibility study is being shared with the District Council.

Following discussion it was

Resolved: that the Clerk be instructed to write to the District Council officer to invite him to attend a future Special Projects meeting.

2. To receive any updates on the former Courtaulds site

The Clerk reported that progress had been made and a meeting is to be held next Tuesday prior to the Planning meeting. The Clerk will email Councillors with a reminder of the details.

The consultants are using all the information that has been provided by the Town Council and a future workshop is being planned.

Further discussion took place and it was

Resolved: that the Clerk forward all information regarding the coming meeting to all Councillors to clarify what is to be discussed.

SP/17/38 To receive a request from Marston's to install drainage at Mill Field

Cllr M Pringle declared a personal interest in this item.

Members were reminded that this was not a planning issue and that the Town Council own the land at Mill Field. The Contractors had looked at all options and drainage is already going into the pump on the site.

Following discussion it was

Resolved: that whilst the members had no serious objections in principle at this time, the Clerk was instructed to carry out a due diligence check, and obtain confirmation in writing from Severn Trent Water to ensure that the site is fit for the purpose proposed.

SP/17/39 Correspondence

1. Lifespring Centre – Re: Courtaulds Site

The Clerk had spoken with Pastor M Phillips and informed him that the Council are still having discussions with regards to the use of the land.

Following further discussion it was

Resolved: that the Clerk send a response confirming the Clerks conversation in writing.

SP/17/40 Date of Next Meeting - TBC

Cllr Wells left the meeting at this point.

That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.