



SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the meeting of the Special Projects Group held on Wednesday 17th February 2021 at 6.30pm held virtually via Zoom

Present: Cllrs R Shilling (Chair), R Allwood, D Batey, R Murray, L Shilling

Mrs K Wakefield – Town Clerk Mrs J Fletcher – Deputy Clerk

Apologies: Cllr D Cumberlidge, P Hancock 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

Councillor R Shilling welcomed all to the meeting and outlined the housekeeping rules regarding a virtual meeting via Zoom.

SP/21/01 To receive and agree the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Special Projects Committee held on **Wednesday 11th November 2020**

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

SP/21/02 **Town Centre Development**

1. To receive and consider information regarding the former Courtaulds site & surrounding land

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from an Officer of the District Council which she shared with Councillors via the screen. It was proposed that the Clerk arrange a meeting with all interested parties and members of the Council.

Following discussion it was proposed that the Clerk contact the Officer from the District Council to request that 3 Councillors and the Clerk be able to attend the meeting. The Clerk was also instructed to request copies of the plans that had previously been available to others.

Proposed: Cllr L Shilling **Seconded:** Cllr R Murray
Decision: Nem Con

Further discussion took place regarding the marketing of the land and it was proposed that the Clerk contact the agent to withdraw the land from the market at this current time.

Proposed: Cllr D Batey **Seconded:** Cllr L Shilling
Decision: Nem Con

2. To receive any updates from the Clerk regarding partnership arrangements with NSDC

The Clerk shared a recent email from an officer of the District Council.

The Clerk reported that members of the public had noticed that work was taking place at the NSDC office on Sycamore Road. This was in order for the DC to deliver a public service and provide a safe and more modern environment for the staff.

Following discussion the Clerk was instructed to obtain an update from our NSDC Councillors regarding the car park on Forest Road, adjacent to the NSDC offices.

SP/21/03 Playparks and Green Open Spaces

1. To receive any relevant updates from Cllr Murray, Chairman of FUBB

Cllr Murray reported that there had not been any FUBB meetings for some time but gave a brief update on the current projects. The pond was due to be cleaned and pathways were being cleared.

A grant for surfacing the 3 pathways to enable better accessibility for prams and wheelchairs had been delayed due to Covid.

Various other works were being carried out, including tree planting and clearing of land around the pylons. Two meadows were also due to be replanted.

The Clerk reported that a FUBB meeting was being arranged shortly.

2. To receive any updates from the Clerk regarding land at Cedar Lane

The Clerk had nothing to report due to her recent absence and the item would be left on the agenda for the next meeting.

3. To receive an update from the Deputy Clerk regarding interactive play equipment

The Deputy Clerk reported that, as instructed at the last Full Council meeting, she had made contact with the supplier of the play equipment on Central Park with regards to the time settings on site and also the Toro on the Whitewater Road Play Area. Their representative had confirmed that all timings were now the same and the equipment would switch off at 6.00pm. Timings would be amended as the lighter nights arrived.

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that she had also asked if the Fono on Central Park could be fitted with a timer. The supplier was going to make contact with Yalp (the maker) and respond back as soon as he could. The DC had received an update that the maker had confirmed that a time control was already fitted to the Fono, the supplier would be attending site on Friday morning to set the timings to match the other equipment.

4. To receive an update from the Clerk/Cllr Murray regarding tree planting

The Clerk reported that following the letter received from the WI regarding their wish to provide 100 trees to celebrate their centenary, they were now looking at possible sites within the town. The Clerk confirmed that the trees were waiting to be planted.

Various consideration needed to be made with regard to siting of the trees, ie utility services, land ownership and future works being carried out to the trees.

5. To consider membership of a green open spaces working party

The Clerk suggested that membership of this WP could incorporate the existing play areas WP. Following discussion it was proposed the Cllr Murray be added to the membership of the existing play areas working party and it become the “green open spaces working party”. The Clerk clarified that the remit would be to discuss areas of natural green open space as well as those areas where play park equipment would be appropriate.

Proposed: Cllr R Shilling
Decision: Nem Con

Seconded: Cllr R Allwood

SP/20/14 Correspondence - None

SP/21/05 Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 28th April 2021 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 19.38