



SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the meeting of the Special Projects Group held on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at 6.30pm in the Function Room of the Town Hall, Sherwood Drive, New Ollerton

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

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

Apologies: Cllr 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/22/01 To elect the Chairman of the Special Projects Committee for 2021/2022

Cllr Ray Shilling, being the only person nominated was elected as Chair of the Special Projects Committee for 2021/22 by Nem-Con (Nemine-Contradicente).

SP/22/02 To elect the Chairman of the Special Projects Committee for 2021/2022

Cllr Derek Batey, being the only person nominated was elected as Vice Chair of the Special Projects Committee for 2021/22 by Nem-Con (Nemine-Contradicente).

SP/22/03 To receive and agree the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Special Projects Committee held on **Wednesday 17th February 2021**

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

SP/22/04 **Town Centre Development**

1. To receive any updates regarding the Levelling Up Fund and Town Centre redevelopment

The Clerk tabled an email from Matt Lamb of NSDC and reported that she was currently awaiting dates from the District Council for a future meeting with Town Councillors.

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

The Clerk reported that whilst the District Council now had their own contact point on Sycamore Road the DWP and other bodies were continuing to attend the Outreach service and the DWP now had an extra member of staff and had

extended their hours to 4.30pm. The District Council were still subsidising the service from a historical budget decision but this may not be sustained.

SP/22/05 Playparks and Green Open Spaces

1. To discuss security at Central Park

There had been a drop in the incidents of vandalism at the park, possibly due to the wintery weather conditions and that the park is now surrounded by houses.

Currently the costs due to vandalism were favourable against the high cost on installing CCTV at Central Park and the possibility of having to carry out installation at other play areas.

Following discussion the Clerk was instructed to obtain costings for the installation of a 'Ring' type system and its effectiveness over a large area.

2. To receive any relevant updates from the Clerk regarding FUBB

The Clerk reported that the LIS Funding Bid was nearing completion which would result in the earmarked FUBB funds being exhausted. Some of the new signage had been erected in the area.

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

The Clerk reported that she was awaiting further information from our solicitors.

4. To receive an update from the Clerk regarding play equipment

The Clerk reported that following some issues on Central Park a meeting had been held with the Supplier who had agreed to address all of the cosmetic requirements and that the Town Council would address the items caused by vandalism.

The Clerk is to contact the Supplier regarding the revised quotation for works to the Fono.

The annual inspection had been carried out by our insurers, Zurich, following which Central Park had been closed due to some wear and tear issues on the skate park. The repair work was booked in for the coming week.

5. To discuss community tree planting

The Clerk tabled a letter for the president of Ollerton Women's Institute thanking the Town Council for their help with the WI's tree planting project in celebration of Ollerton WI's Centenary.

The Clerk reported on a letter received regarding available land for planting.

The Clerk reported that the Cemetery tree works would be carried out at the end of April.

The Clerk reported that OVRA had requested permission to plant one specimen tree on Mill Field to commemorate the Queens Jubilee.

6. To consider membership of the Green Open Spaces Working Party

The Clerk confirmed that the working party had previously been made up of two existing and two past Councillors. The two vacant places would be decided on at a future meeting.

7. To formulate plans for a future review of green open spaces and play parks

Following a suggestion by the SP Chairman, members were given location plans and a list of all green open spaces managed or owned by OBTC with a view to them carrying out personal site visits for information prior to the next meeting.

SP/22/06 Cemetery

1. To receive an update from the Clerk regarding land management

The Clerk confirmed that the plot of land adjacent to the Cemetery drive was owned by the Church and Poor Lands and reported on a letter which had been received from Rev Richard Handford regarding the wildlife garden. The previous tenant of the land had been contacted to confirm if he wished to renew the lease.

2. To agree any further actions regarding an extension to the Cemetery

Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk contact the Church and Poor Lands to further discuss future use of the land.

The Clerk reported that following informal enquiries the owner of land to the rear of the Cemetery did not wish to enter into a conversation with the Town Council regarding future use of the land.

The Clerk was also instructed to investigate the procedure for acquiring land by compulsory purchase should this become necessary to facilitate future burial provision.

SP/22/07 Correspondence

1. A Court – Tree planting

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

2. Sherwood Forest Friends of the Earth – Natural grounds maintenance

Following the enquiry by SFFE, the Clerk suggested the following response:

- The Town Council do not manage the grass verges as these are under the control of VIA (Notts County Council) However we are currently reviewing all of our green open spaces and there is a definite will to include some natural areas where appropriate.
- Again, the weed management on highways is carried out by VIA and the Town Council would only use chemicals as a last resort on our own land. We look carefully at any chemicals used to avoid long term damage to the environment.
- Our allotment tenants are encouraged to tend to their plots using natural methods and we promote recycling and composting on the plots. Empty plots are covered with weed suppressant fabric.

Resolved: That the Clerk send the suggested response on behalf of the Town Council

SP/22/08 Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 1st June 2022 at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 19.45