



## SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee held on  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014** at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber.

### **Present:**

Cllr Hicks (Chair)

Cllr Harvey

Cllr R Tippins (Vice-chair)

Cllr K Tippins

Cllr Clinch

### **In attendance:**

Mrs Claire Commons (Committee Clerk)

5 members of the public

### **01. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Pritchard who had pressing council business to attend to.

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### **02. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations to participate**

- a) Cllr Hicks declared a personal interest in agenda item 5, Correspondence as a co-founder of Shaftesbury Fringe
- b) No dispensation requests not previously considered had been received by the Town Clerk.

### **03. Open Forum**

Mr Cook – expressed support for the chairman. He spoke regarding agenda item 4, Updates, and asked what the current situation was regarding the memorial, it was responded that the working group was looking at suitable locations which would then be provided for public consultation.

Mrs Caldwell – spoke regarding agenda item 5, Correspondence and asked about the bench with the ‘Pearl’ plaque and whether the Civic Society could adopt it. She added that the sign regarding Stoney Walk had come off its backing and would benefit from tidying and asked if the benches on Park Walk could receive renewed attention as the area was a tourist attraction.

ACTION: ROSE OFFICER

Mr Thompson – spoke regarding agenda item 5, Correspondence on behalf of Shaftesbury Fringe asking if Park Walk could be used on the Saturday preceding Gold Hill Fair.

### **04. Updates**

- a) Reports on significant information on matters not included on the agenda:
  - i. Cllrs Hicks and Tippins reported on the outdoor gym (equipment) being installed at Wincombe Recreation Ground confirming that the installation would be complete by the end of the current week.
  - ii. Cllr Tippins reported on the history of Sycamore trees on Park Walk. The Committee agreed to provide the researched information to relevant interested parties.

- iii. The Committee Clerk provided a report on the clearance of Japanese Knotweed at St James Allotments.
  - iv. The Committee Clerk informed the committee of an initiative by the local supermarket to support a community litter pick working with the Hilltop Litterpickers.
- b) To agree any attendances required at meetings additional to those scheduled in the Council's calendar – There were none.

#### 05. Correspondence

- a) The Committee considered a request from the Civic Society to adopt the seat named 'Pearl' as there was no record for contact of the family to seek renewal. Cllr Clinch reported that Pearl had been a teacher at Shaftesbury Primary School when it was located behind Park Walk. Cllr Hicks **PROPOSED**, Cllr Harvey **SECONDED** and it was:

**RESOLVED** to transfer the bench dedicated to 'Pearl' to Shaftesbury Civic Society if the dedication in Pearl's memory is not renewed. (Policy 0414/ROSE/05a) (Statutory Authority – Open Spaces Act 1906 s.10) (Financial Implication – none)

ACTION: ROSE OFFICER

- b) Members considered the request from Shaftesbury Fringe for a classic car show to be held on Park Walk on the Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2014. The committee clerk provided procedural advice to the correspondent regarding his questions contained in the letter and the committee unanimously **AGREED** the request.

ACTION: ROSE OFFICER

#### 06. Fruit Trees

The committee considered a request from The Shaftesbury Tree Group for planting apple trees. Cllr Harvey **PROPOSED**, Cllr Tippins **SECONDED** and it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED** to purchase 1 Bess Pool, 2 Newton Wonder, 2 Blenheim Orange, 2 James Grieve, 2 Ellison Orange, 2 Tom Putt and 1 Ashmead's Kernel. (Policy 0414/ROSE/06) (Statutory Authority – Open Spaces Act 1906 s10) (Financial Implication - £216 ROSE Capital Expenditure, Park Walk Slopes)

ACTION: SHAFTESBURY TREE GROUP

#### 07. Tree Applications

- a) Members considered the following application and had no objection:  
2593/CA/BH/14                      3 Well Lane
- b) Members noted the delegated observations on the following tree work application  
2601/CA/BH/14                      33 Layton Lane
- c) Members noted the Tree Preservation Order:  
TPO/520-2014                      Land to the rear of 46 Salisbury Street

#### 08. Missing and replacement trees

- a) Members considered the absence of the planned trees along the A30 boulevard as planned with the Eastern Development. It was **AGREED** to contact Persimmon and

Development Management at North Dorset District Council for an update on this subject.

ACTION: ROSE OFFICER

- b) Members considered proposals from The Open Spaces Group and Shaftesbury Tree Group for the replacement of windblown trees. The Committee **AGREED** to support the request for Birch, Scots Pine and Small Leaved Lime trees to be planted in Autumn 2014.

ACTION: ROSE OFFICER

**09. Castle Hill**

Cllr Tippins presented plans for improvements to the footpath at Castle Hill. It was anticipated that the land would be transferred before June 2014 and s.106 monies would be available for the improvements. It was mentioned that the pond at the bottom of the hill was stagnant and **AGREED** to talk to the Countryside Rangers to ascertain the best time for cleaning.

ACTION: ROSE OFFICER

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:10pm.