



SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee held on
Tuesday 9th July 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Mayors Parlour.

Present: Cllr Hicks (Chairman)
Cllr Dibben (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Harvey
Cllr Pritchard
Cllr Steve

In attendance: Claire Commons (Acting Committee Services Officer)
DCllr Jefferson
6 members of the public

Public consultation

Mrs Chattey – asked about the rumours of the badger corridor being removed. The chairman confirmed that the council had no intention of doing so, that they were part of the SUDS and the original design of the estate.

DCllr Jefferson – spoke advising that he had asked for decisions on tree applications to be reported back to the town council, the clerk confirmed that this was now happening.

Mrs Chaffey – asked when the council would be taking on the land at the Eastern Development. The chairman advised that he did not yet know.

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Cook due to being abroad.

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their obligations under the Localism Act 2011 to declare any interests. There were none.

03. ALLOTMENTS

- a) The chairman reported from the Allotment Holders meeting held earlier in the evening. He reported that the allotment holders were advised that the rent would be being increased and that there would be a revised allotment agreement following the guidance from the allotment association. It was **AGREED** that the proposed allotment agreement would be circulated to all committee members prior to recess for their comments in readiness for the next committee meeting on 10th September 2013.

ACTION: ACTING COMMITTEE SERVICES OFFICER

- b) Members considered the requests from allotment B27 and B11C for a greenhouse and a shed respectively. It was **AGREED** to grant permission for the shed. It was **AGREED** to grant permission for the greenhouse and to take a £75 deposit if the greenhouse was glass

to hold as a clearance deposit if broken glass remained on the plot following the end of the tenancy.

ACTION: FINANCE AND ADMIN OFFICER

04. TREE APPLICATIONS

The delegated decision was noted as follows:

- a) 2344, 1 Park Walk - Reduce crown by 50%, T1 Purple Prunus
Crown reduce by 25-30%, T2 Elder

The chairman reported that the delegated observation on the tree works application was that he had no objection to the work to T1 regarding the Purple Prunus however he felt that the proportion of reduction was too severe.

05. KING ALFRED'S WAY BUFFER STRIP

Members considered the tree report relating to King Alfred's Way Buffer Strip. It was **AGREED** that the process should be followed in the same way as the Christy's Lane Buffer strip, that Shaftesbury Town Council would undertake the tender process and the cost of the works would be met by North Dorset District Council. It was further agreed to write to the neighbouring residents asking for their views for the purpose of the strip

ACTION: ACTING COMMITTEE SERVICES OFFICER

06. PARK WALK SYCAMORES

A report was received regarding the condition of the new Sycamores on Park Walk advising that the contractor believed there was a problem with the stock of trees. It was advised that the trees and guards would be removed and new trees planted in November.

07. GROUNDS UNIT

Members discussed the status of the grounds unit project and it was noted that money was still awaited from Persimmon and Tesco. It was **AGREED** to arrange a meeting with representatives from the appropriate bodies to expedite the process.

ACTION: ACTING COMMITTEE SERVICES OFFICER

08. CEMETERY

Members considered the spoil heap but **AGREED** that a site visit was required and that the committee chair and vice-chair would report back at the next meeting of the committee on 10th September 2013.

ACTION: CLLRS HICKS AND DIBBEN

09. OUTDOOR GYM / TRIM TRAIL

The chairman reported that the Dorset Community Fund grant could be transferred for use on a trim trail. Members considered location and discussed the addition of funds from the Locality Board working in conjunction with local GP's to promote health and wellbeing. It was reported that discussions were still underway regarding the triangle of land on the Persimmon development regarding its possible transfer. Cllr Hicks **PROPOSED**, Cllr Dibben **SECONDED** and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED that an adult trim trail be provided on the eastern side of Shaftesbury subject to completion of transfer of land and eligibility criteria of grants available being met. (Policy 0713/ROSE/09) (Statutory Authority – OSA 1906 s10) (Budgetary Provision – Dorset Community Fund and Health & Wellbeing Fund) (Public Sector Equality Duty – due consideration was given)

ACTION: ACTING COMMITTEE SERVICES OFFICER

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Members received the responses from NDDC and DCC relating to funding support for the monitoring of Gold Hill Wall. It was **AGREED** to write to DCC Archivist and NDDC explaining the process being undertaken. It was believed that NDDC held £13,000 raised by the Shaftesbury Charity Trust for maintenance of Gold Hill and Gold Hill Wall and asked that this be looked into further.

ACTION: ACTING DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

- b) Members received correspondence from Mr Gridley regarding the condition of the allotment plot he was offered. The chair confirmed that this had been raised at the allotment holders meeting earlier that evening and Mr Gridley would be offered an alternative plot which he was happy to accept in place of the current one. It was noted that as Mr Gridley had been present and agreed to the solution at the allotment holders meeting, there was no further action required by the committee.

11. CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS

There was none

12. PUBLIC RELATIONS

It was **AGREED** to publicise the update relating to the Sycamores.

ACTION: CLLR PRITCHARD

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:40pm

Public Consultation

Mrs Chaffey– asked about who was responsible for dog fouling at the Eastern Development. It was advised that bin provision and maintenance would currently be the responsibility of the management company and would then transfer to the Dorset Waste Partnership on completion of the development. It was **AGREED** to raise this matter with County Councillor Jeffery.

ACTION: CLLR LESTER DIBBEN

Mrs McCormack and Mr Alabaster – spoke on the same subject matter expressing their discontent with the situation.