THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES AND ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING ON THE 25th OCTOBER 2017.

A MEETING OF OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.00PM IN THE PETWORTH TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, THE OLD BAKERY, GOLDEN SQUARE, PETWORTH

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Roger Hanauer (Chair)

Cllr Alan Copus Cllr Chris Kemp Cllr Jim Scallon Cllr Michael Peet

Minutes taken by Cllr Hanauer as no Clerk was available.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSCENCE

Cllr David Burden, Cllr Juliet Fynes,

REPRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd August 2017.

These were approved at the Full Council meeting held on 21st September.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Bus shelter

Queensbury Shelters to commence work on the new Station Road shelter on 2nd October. Construction has been delayed due to staff sickness.

Skate Park

Cllr Kemp, Cllr Peet and Cllr Hanauer attended an informative and constructive meeting with CDC Car Parks, with Nicola Jones and Samantha Moore in attendance from Petworth Vision Group. Means of achieving a net loss of no more than four parking spaces was described these being found by re-organising the layout of both the Sylvia Beaufoy and the south eastern corner of Pound Street car parks. It was agreed that whilst the Council supported the Vision Group's aspirations their project should not compromise the successful completion of the skate park as a priority.

A further meeting is planned in early November once further progress has been made in finalising both the skate park design and the car park layouts. Additional funding has been applied for from Sport England to enable best use be made from the site.

Footpath round the hills

Leconfield Estate works department are in the process of refurbishing the historic turnstile. The initial plaque design for the kissing gate proved too expensive so a cheaper alternative will be sourced.

BT Phone box

BT have confirmed that the Petworth town council's application to adopt and remove the Hampers Green telephone box is being actioned.

Hampers Common

Scalpings are to be ordered to fill the pot holes at the entrance to Hampers Common. A new dual purpose waste bin is to be ordered from Chichester District Council and placed where the present dog waste bin is sited.

Allotments

Re-mapping has been completed and plot holders not attaining an acceptable standard have been informed. A second inspection will be carried out in mid October to ascertain levels of improvement.

Finger Posts

In hand

Footpaths

A request to WSCC Pathways to clear overgrown paths from the Byworth road to Shimmings Valley has been submitted.

Repairs to the stone wall in Grove Road are to be assessed by Cllr Fox who will report back at the next meeting.

Deep cleaning of the town to the back line is progressing.

Farmers Market

The monthly market is to be advertised in the Vantage Point and Sussex Local magazines, also on social media sites.

Site of the Boy's Graves

CDC have decided to give responsibility for the public art work provision to the developer. This is opposed by Cllr Kemp and Cllr Hanauer.

The 75th Anniversary Commemorations. In response to public pressure that this anniversary be recognised Cllr Kemp has organised the event. He will email volunteer stewards and other participants with the programme and approximate timings.

Sports Committee

Cllr Peet distributed a Constitution covering responsibilities of the Petworth Town Council representatives on the Sports Committee for perusal by the Open space members.

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