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A MEETING OF OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 5th DECEMBER 2018 AT 7.00PM IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, THE OLD BAKERY, GOLDEN SQUARE, PETWORTH

MINUTES

Present: Cllr R. Hanauer, Chairman
Cllr S. Atkins
Cllr A. Copus
Cllr J. Fynes
Cllr C. Kemp
Cllr M. Peet
Melanie Kite, Clerk

121/18 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman requested that mobile phones should be turned off, and advised that the meeting would be recorded for the purposes of the minutes. He pointed out the fire escape route.

122/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSCENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr D. Burden and Cllr J. Scallon

123/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

124/18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Copus, seconded Cllr Kemp, unanimously approved.

125/18 MATTERS ARISING

No matters were raised.

126/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public were present.

Meeting re-convened

127/18 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON:

BT Phone Box - Cllr Peet is looking into the software for the internal equipment. It will be around £3,000 to £3,500.

A CAT6 power cable will be required, broadband and lighting. The source of the electricity still needs to be discussed with CDC. Once all the equipment and pricing has been gathered a document is required to be submitted to SDNPA for potential funding from it.

Cllr Kemp has asked CDC carparks for information as to what is under the paving on the ground where it is to be placed. This will determine how the BT box is secured into place.

The Clerk will contact BT regarding phone lines once the box is in place.

Blocked culvert – Nothing further has been discussed.

Horsham Road cemetery – A quotation from the HJS Landscapes of £400 had been received for flattening the ant hills in the cemetery. Some councillors raised their concerns about flattening the ant hills and the effects that this would have on the ecology of the site.

A discussion took place on whether this was a good use of Open Space budget. It was referred to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

Jubilee Walk – there were no further developments to report on.

Grit Bins – The bins have been ordered and awaiting delivery.

Hampers Common Play Ground - the anti-climb paint has been bought and Cllr Hanauer will paint the wood around the towers when the weather improves.

Cllr Copus and Cllr Hanauer will do a site visit to establish where to re-site the waste bin.

128/18 ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Hanauer has measured up the allotment plots at Station road. He will continue to do measure the other 3 sites.

Cllr Kemp said that Angel Street comes off The Estate. The Clerk will check this with The Estate and with Business Stream regarding the water meter at Grove Lane.

All overheads need to be taken into consideration when reviewing the rental charge. Cllr Hanauer suggested that a non-refundable deposit should be added to the rent as a charge against plots that are vacated in an unkempt state.

129/18 WICKSTED REPORT

The Risk Assessment report for Rosemary Gardens and Hampers Common play grounds had been distributed to all councillors. There were no major issues requiring immediate action. All points highlighted will be actioned on.

130/18 PETWORTH PARK SPORTS

Cllr Peet re-capped on the request from the sports club for annual financing.

The Clerk had asked 2 other parish councils about their costs for the maintenance of their sports grounds. There was no direct comparison.

A discussion took place over funding the Sports Club and not the Sylvia Beaufoy Youth Centre. An explanation was that the Sports ground is leased by the Town Council and therefore it could be argued that the council should consider supporting it financially.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Signed
Chairman

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