



WINCANTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 14th JULY 2021 AT THE TOWN HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Anderson, Ellard, Hix, Smith, Tudgay and Walters.

IN ATTENDANCE: Stephen Hill, Town Clerk and Steve Lee, Works & Maintenance Supervisor

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – there was no public participation.

10-22 **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Smith had indicated that he may be later arriving to the meeting. There were no other apologies.

11-22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Ellard expressed a personal interest as a member of the Wincanton Recreation Trust, which lets the allotment land to the Town Council.

12-22 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2021 were approved as an accurate record and will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

Proposed: Cllr Walter, Seconded: Cllr Anderson: 2-0-3 (for-against-abstain)

13-22 **VICE CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED – that Cllr Anderson be Elected as Vice Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee.

Proposed: Cllr Ellard, Seconded: Cllr Hix: 4-0-1

14-22 **WORKS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR'S REPORT (Background Paper)**

Committee **RECEIVED** a report from the Works & Maintenance Supervisor. A question was raised asking if recycle collected could be segregated; this will be put as an Agenda item to the next Open Spaces Committee together with research; SSDC currently collect residual waste without charge.

Cllr Smith joined the Committee at 19:10.

15-22 **OPEN SPACES STRATEGY FOR WINCANTON (Background Paper)**

Committee **CONSIDERED** and **RESOLVED to prepare an Open Spaces Strategy, incorporating elements listed in the Wincanton for the Future Open Spaces theme.** To be brought back to Full Council once drafted.

<https://www.designcouncil.org.uk/sites/default/files/asset/document/open-space-strategies.pdf>

Proposed: Cllr Ellard, Seconded: Cllr Anderson: unanimous

- 16-22 **PUBLIC REQUESTS**
Committee **CONSIDERED** requests from a member of the public to:
- a. move the trees in the picnic area at Carrington Way; Committee asked the purpose/rationale behind the request and decided to ask One Planet Wincanton to attend the next Committee meeting.
 - b. install benches in the cemetery; Committee highlighted funding availability eg via MTIG and Welcome Back Fund. The uniformity, maintenance, location, cost of provision were all cited to considerations. Committee decided that the Town Clerk write to the member of public with thanks; not a no; and in anticipation of the Cemetery extension.
- 17-22 **BIKE RACK AT MUGA**
RESOLVED – that Council agree the installation of a bike rack at the MUGA; a bike rack has been donated to WTC and is at the storage unit.
Proposed: Cllr Smith, Seconded: Cllr Ellard: unanimous
- 18-22 **ROCKING HORSE**
Committee **RECEIVED** an update on the refurbishment of the metal rocking horse and asked that Wicksteed be asked for a price to repair and restoration of the existing horse (sufficient for use as a sculpture) and also to quote for a new/replacement rocking horse.
- 19-22 **BOARDWALK AT ATTENUATION POND**
RESOLVED – that Council continue promotion of the idea of installing a boardwalk on the attenuation pond on the Dykes Farm development. That is part of the Cale Park Masterplan 2013, once land is transferred to WTC, and that external funding may be available. A critical path is needed for the project including design; funding; public consultation; transfer of land.
Proposed: Cllr Ellard, Seconded: Cllr Smith: unanimous
- 20-22 **ALLOTMENTS (Background Papers)**
RESOLVED - that revision to the Allotment Agreement be agreed (eg use of chemical herbicides to be discouraged, removal of insurance clause and other changes eg site access, reference to WRT and not sleeping overnight times).
Committee **CONSIDERED** the annual allotment charge and asked for further information comparing costs with income; charge comparison with other councils.
Proposed: Cllr Ellard, Seconded: Cllr Hix: unanimous
- 21-22 **CEMETERY EXTENSION**
Committee **DISCUSSED** progress with the cemetery extension, no response from developer and agree to report to next Committee meeting.
- 22-22 **SIGNAGE AT CALE PARK**
Committee **CONSIDERED** consolidation of signage and removal of unneeded signs at Cale Park and agreed a site visit for 15 July 2021.
- 23-22 **LETTER OF THANKS**
RESOLVED - that a letter of thanks be written to Rob Parr, previously of SSDC, for his advice and support over many years.
Proposed: Cllr Anderson, Seconded: Cllr Smith: unanimous

The meeting closed 20:40

Signed

Date