

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment and Property Committee** of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010** in Room MB1, Masons Building, University of Buckingham, Hunter Street, Buckingham at 7:00pm.

**Present:**

- Cllr. P. Hirons
- Cllr. A. Mahi
- Cllr. H. Mordue
- Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue
- Cllr. Ms. R. Newell - Chairman
- Cllr. M. Smith - Mayor
- Cllr. R. Stuchbury
- Cllr. M. Try
- Cllr. W. Whyte

**In attendance:** Lee Phillips - Green Spaces Manager  
Katharine Mc Elligott.

**456/10 Apologies for Absence**

**RESOLVED** to receive and accept apologies from Councillors T. Bloomfield, H. Cadd, P. Collins, Mrs G. Collins, D. Isham, G. Loftus.

**457/10 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**458/10 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes of the Environment and Property Committee meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010, which had been approved at Full Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

**459/10 Action Reports**

In respect of minute 326/10 cemetery spaces Members noted that a detailed report to update the situation was to come. Cllr. Mordue stated that he had spoken to Paul Wheeler of Buckingham Plant Hire who may be able to advise on the situation. Green Spaces Manager to contact Mr Wheeler and show him the report.

**ACTION GREEN SPACES MANAGER**

The Mayor announced that the official opening of the play area and M.U.G.A. in Chandos Park would be Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm for the 'Pam Desorgher Play Area' and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 10am for the 'Ken Liverseidge Multi-Use Games Area'. All councillors will be invited to attend.

**460/10 BCWP**

Minutes for the meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010 have been circulated; the next meeting to be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Cllr. Whyte stated that some of the Apple trees on Berties' Walk don't look very healthy. G.S.M. to contact the Friends of Railway walk and investigate further.

**ACTION GREEN SPACES MANAGER**

**461/10 Chandos Park**

Members noted that signs for the new play areas have been ordered and that the disabled toilet door had been vandalised and repaired.

**462/10 Cemetery Lodge**

It was noted by the members that a new tenant had been found and has moved in. Some minor repairs were carried out before the new tenant moved in.

**463/10 Bourton Park Bridge**

GSM informed members that when pressure washing the bridge it was found that 7 slats were replaced immediately and that 10 more would need replacing soon. The whole bridge's slats may also need replacing in the future. It was **Agreed** that 40 slats be purchased so there were some in stock for future repairs, to come out of Bourton Park maintenance budget (252/4601).

**ACTION GREEN SPACES MANAGER**

**464/10 Bowls Club**

Maintenance of the exterior of the pavilion.

Members discussed the notes of a recent meeting between BTC and the Bowls Club. The bowls club offered to paint the pavilion if the council supplied the paint.

Proposed by Cllr. Mordue, seconded Cllr. Newell, that the GSM inspect the pavilion and if necessary purchase appropriate paint to a maximum of £200.

Amendment proposed by Cllr. Whyte and seconded by Cllr. Smith that the GSM report back to the committee.

Amendment carried by majority vote; this then became the substantive motion and was carried by a majority. **ACTION GREEN SPACES MANAGER**

Proposed extension of the pavilion.

Members agreed in principle to the extension subject to the committee agreeing detailed plans specifying materials, construction, colours etc as the building is a public asset.

Details of new Lease.

Cllr. Mordue and Cllr. Isham to have further discussions with the Bowls Club to establish what length of lease would be optimum to secure funding for the Bowls Club the rent would then be discussed separately.

**ACTION CLLR. MORDUE AND CLLR ISHAM**

**465/10 Bourton Road Allotments**

Members discussed the notes of a meeting held with the allotment association. Proposed by Cllr. Mordue, seconded by Cllr. Whyte, and RECOMMENDED that BTC increase the funding of the allotments up to the sum of £1500 until their current lease expires in 2017 following negotiation with the allotments association.

**466/10 Tree Works**

Members agreed to go ahead with the essential tree works subject to permissions required for protected trees and those in the Conservation Area. Members requested that maps be supplied in future for clarity.

**467/10 War Memorial**

The GSM informed Members on the proposed works that will be carried out to the war memorial in the short term; light pruning of the trees, repair of 4 bollards, further cleaning of memorial steps. In the long term the aim was to replace the bollards and have a raised kerb edge. Members agreed to the works.

**468/10 Storage**

GSM updated Members on the move to the new facilities at College Farm and also that the quad trailer would not fit into the Chapel but would be investigated further.

**469/10 Section 106**

Members discussed the notes from the meeting and the chair asked if the application forms provided by AVDC needed to be returned. GSM would find out and follow up.

**ACTION GREEN SPACES MANAGER**

**470/10 Subsidised Swimming**

Members noted the correspondence from AVDC.

**471/10 Winter Maintenance Review**

Members noted the maintenance review but would await the spending review before deciding how the Council would proceed.

**472/10 Budgets**

Members noted the 2010/2011 budgets.

**473/10 Water play equipment**

Members noted details of good quality water play equipment provided by Cllr. Hirons. Cllr. Hirons to provide draft letter and company details to office to investigate further.

**ACTION CLLR. HIRONS**

**474/10 Precept**

Members requested a more detailed report about the budgets to be provided at next meeting and that the item be placed higher up the agenda.

**475/10 Chairman's Announcements**

The Green Buckingham Fair is to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011 during Climate week.

**476/10 Date of Next Meeting.**

29<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

Chairman..... Date.....