

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment, Property & Health Committee** of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 9th December 2013** in the Council Chamber, Cornwall's Meadow, Buckingham at 8.15pm.

Present: Cllr. T. Bloomfield
 Cllr. H. Cadd
 Cllr. P. Collins
 Cllr. P. Hirons
 Cllr. D. Isham (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr. A. Mahi
 Cllr. Ms. R. Newell - Mayor
 Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue
 Cllr. M. Smith (Chairman)
 Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark
 Cllr. R. Stuchbury

In attendance: Mr. L. Phillips Green Spaces Manager
 Mrs. C. Bolton Committee Clerk

587/13 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Whyte.

588/13 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

589/13 Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Environment and Property Committee meeting held on Monday 21st October 2013, ratified at Full Council on the 18th November 2013.

Agreed.

590/13 Action Reports

Members received and noted the report.

591/13 Budgets

591.1 To receive the budget reports for information.

Received.

592.2 To receive the revised Roundabout sponsorship amounts for 2014/15. The roundabout sponsorships charges were noted. The GSM confirmed letters would be sent to all sponsors this week.

ACTION: GSM

Cllr Harvey queried when the memorial testing would take place. The GSM confirmed it would be carried out before the end of the financial year.

Members deviated from agenda order

592/13 Precept

To receive the outline precept budget figures for EP&H Committee.
Received.

Members returned to agenda order

593/13 Church Hill Ownership

(222/13, 337/13, 461/13, 514/13)

Referred by Full Council – to receive a verbal update from Cllrs Whyte and Stuchbury.

Cllr Stuchbury reported on his investigation into the land ownership with County Council officers. The definitive answer to the ownership remained unclear as County believe the land under the highway around the Church belonged to the Church. The GSM would write to the Diocesan Registrar via Reverend Pearson-Gee requesting clarification.

ACTION: GSM

594/13 Bourton Park

594.1 To receive a verbal update from the GSM on the Trim Trail and MUGA. The GSM reported that the public consultation was progressing, the survey was available on the Town Council's website and the schools had been contacted.

Members requested that the survey also be advertised on the Council's notice boards and Chamber screen.

ACTION: GSM

594.2 To receive summary of repair work required in Bourton Park and note work required.

Agreed.

595/13 Cemetery

(462.2/13) Proposed New Site - To note that Hallam Land Management have instructed a viability study on proposed land.

Noted.

596/13 War Memorial

To receive a verbal update from the GSM on the completion of repair works. The GSM reported that all repair work was now complete and that a clean to the base of the memorial had been carried out. A further specialised clean was required for the pillar and would be done shortly. Members commented on the excellent condition of the memorial and recorded thanks to the Grounds Maintenance team for their work.

597/13 Disability Access (referred from Full Council, minute 517/13)

Proposed by Cllr Harvey, seconded by Cllr Mahi to accept that Cllr Stuchbury's motion in principal, be referred to the EP&H Committee was **AGREED** by unanimous vote.

To discuss looking at disabled access across the Town Council's estate and make improvements where possible.

Members discussed that much of the Council's estate had been investigated for potential access difficulties when walkabouts had been carried out earlier in the year. It was agreed to now focus on the buildings the Council was responsible for and put together a report to progress in 2014.

ACTION: GSM

598/13 Remembrance Bedzz

(referred from TC&E) To receive and discuss a communication ref 1914-2014 Remembrance.

Members **AGREED** that the Grounds Maintenance team include poppies to the wild flower planting already in place around the town's parks.

ACTION: GSM

599/13 Buckingham Tennis Club

To receive a request for the Tennis club to address the committee at the next meeting.

Councillors **AGREED** the request for the Tennis Club representatives to attend the next meeting.

ACTION: GSM/FEBRUARY AGENDA

600/13 Buckingham Community Wildlife Project

600.1 To receive the minutes of the BCWP from 21/10/13

601.2 To receive the minutes of the Green Buckingham Group 12/11/13

Both noted.

601/13 News releases

Refurbishment of bridges and trim trail survey

ACTION: GSM

602/13 Chair's Announcements

None

603/13 Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 10th February 2014

Meeting closed at: 8.50pm

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