

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment and Property Committee** of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 29th November 2010** in Room MB1, Masons Building, University of Buckingham, Hunter Street, Buckingham at 7:20pm following the Extraordinary FA&P meeting.

Present:

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

In attendance: Lee Phillips - Green Spaces Manager

581/10 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to receive and accept apologies from Cllrs. T. Bloomfield, Mrs G. Collins, D. Isham, G. Loftus, H. Mordue and W. Whyte.

582/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

583/10 Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Environment and Property Committee meeting held on Monday 11th October 2010, which had been ratified at Full Council on the 15th November 2010.

584/10 Action Reports

843/09 Cllr. Smith asked what the situation with St Rumbold's Well was, GSM to investigate.

985/09 & 67/10 Grit bins Cllrs. Smith, Try and Stuchbury discussed the locations of the new Grit bins, GSM to obtain list from Transport for Buckingham.

690.2/09 Cllr. Hirons asked for an update on the new Path in Chandos Park; GSM will follow up.

ACTION GREEN SPACES MANAGER

585/10 Alterations to Grounds Maintenance Contract

Councillors **AGREED** to the recommendation to make alterations to the Grounds Maintenance Contract.

586/10 E&P Budgets 2010/2011

Councillors received the 2010/2011 budgets, Cllr. Mahi asked about the van costs and outstanding repairs.

ACTION GREEN SPACES MANAGER

587/10 E&P Budget 2011/2012

Councillors discussed the budget for 2011/2012 and **AGREED** to the budget figures.

588/10 Chandos Bowls Club

Councillors discussed the lease proposal and **AGREED** to having the 10 year lease with a 3 year rent review with the office drawing up the lease on the same terms as the existing lease.

ACTION GREEN SPACES MANAGER

589/10 Chandos Park Toilets

Councillors noted the correspondence from AVDC regarding Chandos toilets maintenance budget.

590/10 Tree for Chandos Park

Councillors discussed the tree to be planted in Chandos Park and **AGREED** to buy a 14-16cm girth 'Aesculus indica' with metal tree guard.

591/10 Dog Walking event in Bourton Park

Members **AGREED** to the Dog Walking event taking place in Bourton Park on the 15th May 2011.

ACTION GREEN SPACES MANAGER

592/10 'Turn up for free sports' event in Bourton Park

Members **AGREED** to the event taking place in Bourton Park on the 12th April 2011.

ACTION GREEN SPACES MANAGER

593/10 Petition for an indoor skate/BMX Park.

Members received the petition regarding an indoor skate park and agreed to respond to the letter saying they agreed in principle but the Town Council has no funding at present, but would look at the matter again in the future if progress is made.

ACTION GREEN SPACES MANAGER

594/10 Water Play equipment.

Members discussed the water-play equipment information and suggested that a similar feature could be put in one of the parks. GSM to investigate further and look for suitable locations.

ACTION GREEN SPACES MANAGER

595/10 Stratford Fields Play area

Members noted the correspondence from AVDC regarding the play area at Stratford Fields.

596/10 Cemetery Management Plan

Members noted the Cemetery Management Plan, acknowledging the work that had gone into it.

597/10 Buckingham Community Wildlife Project

The Chair updated Members about the BCWP; the Railway walk Conservation group has won a SAVE award and are planning 2 wildlife events in the summer. Maids Morton Avenue Conservation Group has had a series of successful events including 31 people attending an art event. AVDC has proposed the planting of an area of woodland in Heartlands to include 20 'Black Poplar' trees and Councillors welcomed the project. The GSM and Cllr Newell had offered to take part in the planting.

598/10 Green Buckingham Group

The Chair updated members about the Green Buckingham Group; the Buckingham Advertiser has an online survey on its website that is open to all. The green fair is being planned for next year; the date of the Green Fair next year will be '26th March 2011'.

SAVE awards – out of 20 awards, 3 were from Buckingham including, Norman Sheppard of the Otter Group and the Buckingham Advertiser for its green page and the 'Railway Walk Conservation group'.

599/10 Love Parks Week

The Chair wanted Members to think about whether there are any events they would like to see in the parks for 'Love Parks week' next year (23rd-31st July 2011). This item will be followed up on the next Agenda.

600/10 Chairman's Announcements

None.

601/10 Date of Next Meeting.

24th January 2011.

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