

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment and Property Committee** of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 24th January 2011** in Room MB1, Masons Building, University of Buckingham, Hunter Street, Buckingham at 7:00pm.

Present:

- Cllr. T. Bloomfield
- Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins
- 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

712/10 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to receive and accept apologies from Cllr. H.Cadd, Cllr. D.Isham, Cllr. G.Loftus, Cllr. H. Mordue and Cllr. W.Whyte.

713/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

714/10 Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Environment and Property Committee meeting held on Monday 29th November 2010, which had been ratified at Full Council on the 4th January 2011.

715/10 Action Reports

715.1 (670/09) Embleton Way Pavilion – GSM to update Council at next meeting of ongoing discussions with AVDC regarding the Pavilion.

715.2 (690.2/09) Chandos Park Path – GSM to seek specification of what is required.

715.3 (65/09) Safety Surface Bourton Juniors – GSM to seek Quotations for resurfacing of Play area.

ACTION GREENSPACES MANAGER

716/10 Purchase of Pressure Washer

Proposed by Cllr. Newell, seconded by Cllr. Smith, and **AGREED** unanimously that a pressure washer be purchased per report EP/46/10 circulated with the agenda (201/4112).

717/10 Purchase of Flammables/COSHH storage

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. O'Donoghue, and **AGREED** unanimously to purchase storage cupboards and safety equipment per report EP/47/10 circulated with the agenda (201/4112).

718/10 Update regarding Cemetery Lodge.

Councillors received a verbal update from the GSM regarding the Cemetery Lodge, including extension of the lease and problems with the drains.

719/10 Love Parks Week

Councillors discussed the matter and Cllr. M Smith said that the event had previously been held in 2008 with a poor turn-out. It was agreed to look at this again in future years.

720/10 S106 Projects

Councillors **AGREED** to the proposed projects but recommended that the GSM be involved with the consultation process for Otters Brook Play area. GSM to report back to the council regarding the land at Otters Brook.

ACTION GREENSPACES MANAGER

721/10 Additional name for the war memorial

Proposed by Cllr. Hirons seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **REJECTED** 2 votes for and 7 votes against that the name recommended be added. The GSM, Cllrs. Newell and G. Collins would meet at the war memorial to establish whether an alternative location can be found for additional names to be added in the future.

722/10 Cemetery

Members discussed the issue of future cemetery provision in Buckingham. Cllr. Stuchbury clarified that at this stage the Council is not making a final decision but is doing a feasibility study for a new cemetery site.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Newell, and **AGREED** by 8 votes to 2 to follow the recommendation to investigate possible cemetery sites, which was within EP/49/10 circulated with the agenda.

723/10 Planning Committee Recommendation

Members discussed the report (EP/50/10); the recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Hirons, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **AGREED** unanimously to find possible sites for the provision of allotments.

724/10 Extension to Circular Walk

Cllr. Newell gave a verbal report regarding the extension to the circular walk saying that the link from Fishers Field to Tingewick Road was discussed at the time but not agreed at the time due to the unknown costs. Cllr. Newell

wanted the views of the Councillors before looking at the subject again. Members discussed the matter and Cllr. Stuchbury said it was only a small section required to join up the 2 paths. Cllr. Smith said the reason it didn't work before was due to land ownership issues. GSM to report back with a report on who owns the land and what rights of way exist.

ACTION GREENSPACES MANAGER

725/10 Chairman's Announcements

There were no Chairman's announcements.

726/10 Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting is Monday 21st March 2011.

Meeting finished at 8:15pm.

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