

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 7th September 2015** in the Council Chamber, Cornwall's Meadow, Buckingham at 7pm.

Present:

Cllr. Ms. J. Bates	
Cllr. T. Bloomfield	
Cllr. P. Collins	
Cllr. J. Harvey	
Cllr. P. Hiron	
Cllr. D. Isham	Vice Chair
Cllr. A. Mahi	Mayor
Cllr. Ms. R. Newell	Chair
Cllr. M. Smith	
Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark	

In attendance:

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

372/15 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to receive and accept apologies from Cllrs G Collins, O'Donoghue and Stuchbury.

373/15 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bloomfield expressed an interest in item 10, Community Centre.

374/15 Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 20th July 2015, ratified at Full Council on the 17th August 2015.

375/15 Action Reports

To receive the report and note the updated information.

261/15 – Cllr Harvey reported that 2 possible sites for new benches in the town were outside Lloyds bank and at Market Hill near the CAB building. The Green Spaces Manager would further investigate sites and pricing.

ACTION: GREEN SPACES MANAGER

830/14 /Bourton Ponds Project – Cllr Smith asked for an update. The GSM stated he was in discussion with companies regarding the reinstatement of the collapsed river bank areas and would have a report for the next meeting.

ACTION: GREEN SPACES MANAGER

705/14 – Cemetery Burial Space – Cllr Bates requested an update. The GSM said that the project needed restarting and would report at the next meeting. Members briefly discussed the provision of a proposed new site at Tingewick rd, though the issue of no further burial space remained at the Brackley Rd site; Members once again discussed the possibility of re-burial – Cllr Newell would discuss further with the Town Clerk.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

376/15 Budgets

Cllr Smith queried 1053 – roundabout sponsorship. The GSM said that roundabout number 3 was the roundabout at Tesco's and would shortly be handed back to the Town Council following the completion of roadworks; Russell & Butler would then resume sponsorship.

377/15 Ken Tagg Play Area Tender

To receive the bids for the play area tender and agree that following consultation with residents the office may proceed with the preferred supplier. The GSM reported that suppliers had been approached to quote for a maximum fixed price contract of £29,000 for new play equipment, 3 plans were displayed for comment. The GSM would be carrying out consultation with local residents before proceeding further with quotes. Members commented briefly on the various designs and specifications and requested that the GSM ensure suitable warranty periods.

ACTION: GREEN SPACES MANAGER

378/15 Bourton Park and Cemetery footpath Tender

To receive the bids for the footpath tender and agree
Members **AGREED** that the GSM should investigate the Bourton Park tender further, incorporating staged working.
Cemetery footpath tender – Recommendation **AGREED**.

ACTION: GREEN SPACES MANAGER

379/15 Grounds Maintenance Contract Tender

To receive the grounds maintenance specification and bills of quantity; to agree to proceed with the tender process
Members thanked the GSM for a well detailed report.
Cllr Harvey queried the use of herbicides. The GSM said that a standard chemical is used, but that the herbicide would be applied as a spot, rather than blanket treatment which tended to leave residue more widely.

ACTION: GREEN SPACES MANAGER

380/15 Aylesbury Vale Clinical Commissioning Group AGM

To note the AGM and agree any action
Noted.

381/15 Photovoltaic Generator at Buckingham Community Centre

To receive the tender documents
Received.
Members were unhappy that the asbestos report had not been circulated to the Community Centre Management Committee. Cllrs Isham and Collins commented that the Town Council had a duty of care to ensure asbestos was not present.
Clerk's note: The Town Clerk circulated the report when originally received in 2008.

382/15 Access Awareness

To receive a verbal update from Cllr Strain-Clark
Cllr Strain-Clark said the Access for All group were due to meet week commencing 14th September, ongoing issues would be discussed at the meeting.

383/15 BCWP

Clerks note: Notes from meeting 20th July and agenda for meeting 14 December received after the meeting. To be circulated at October meeting.

ACTION: OCTOBER MEETING

384/15 S106 Monies Received

To note for information email from AVDC allocated funding; forthcoming projects to be considered following sports pitch provision project
Members **AGREED** by unanimous vote that a BMX track in the Heartlands be priority with any leftover funds used to develop the Embleton Way building.
Members were concerned at the phrase in the email 'or Buckingham Parish Cluster' and commented the money should be taken with speed and alacrity to ensure use within the town.

ACTION: GREEN SPACES MANAGER/TOWN CLERK

385/15 News Releases

None

386/15 Chair's Announcements

Cllr Smith reported on extensive dog damage to the senior play area in Bourton Park and the theft of the basket swing.
There had also been a serious attack on a guide dog by an off the leash dog in Chandos park at the weekend – the GSM was in contact with the police over the incident.
Members discussed and **AGREED** the need for further vigilance and CCTV coverage of the parks.

Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Mahi and **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that the Town Council purchase further CCTV equipment and fund from Contingencies as a matter of urgency

387/15 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 26th October 2015.

Meeting closed at: 7.45pm

Chair..... Date.....