



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Property Committee
Wednesday 16 June 2021 at 7.30pm.**

Present

Cllrs Graeme Acraman (Chair), Barry Barnes, Paul Berry, Sandy Duck, Craig Gale and Dave Homer.

In Attendance

G Burt, Clerk to the Council

15/21 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman:

- a) Reminded Members of the COVID arrangements for the meeting.
- b) Reminded Members that the meeting was being broadcast on the internet.
- c) Asked Members to raise their hands if they wished to speak.

16/21 Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Roy Margetts – prior engagement. On the proposal of Cllr Graeme Acraman, seconded by Cllr Sandy Duck **RESOLVED** that the apology and reason given be accepted.

17/21 Declarations of Interest and Notification of Changes to Members' Interests.

None

18/21 Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr Barry Barnes, seconded by Cllr Craig Gale **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2021, previously circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

19/21 Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that pursuant to the last meeting, Cllrs Barnes and Homer plus officers, had met with the Grounds Maintenance Contractor, and agreed upon areas under Council control that could be left uncut this summer to improve biodiversity. Information boards had been installed this week.

20/21 Public Session

None

21/21 To receive an update on improvements to drainage at Jubilee Fields and approve additional works.

The Committee had previously approved a drainage improvement scheme at Jubilee Fields, which would lessen flooding which had scoured the Trim Trail. During a pre-work-starting meeting, it became apparent that some additional work totalling £1,075 was required to

improve the effectiveness of the project. The Clerk had approved this work, given the time factor, in consultation with the Committee Chairman.

On the proposal of Cllr Sandy Duck, seconded by Cllr Dave Homer

- a) **RESOLVED** that the additional works be ratified;
- b) **RECOMMEND** that F&GP Committee be asked to approve the additional unbudgeted expenditure of £1,075 accordingly.

22/21 To reconsider householder request to plant hedge at Lower Station Road Recreation Ground following increase in Antisocial Behaviour (ASB)

The Council had previously declined a request by a householder to plant a hedge between his fence and the footway alongside the new driveway at the Recreation Ground as it was felt there was insufficient room. The householder had asked the Council to review its decision, given the increase in ASB since the new driveway was completed and a site meeting had been held earlier. On the proposal of Cllr Barry Barnes, seconded by Cllr Craig Gale **RESOLVED** to grant permission to plant a new hedge, but that the householder must meet all costs, although the Council will take on the maintenance. [Post meeting note: Clerk to inform householder that planting a hedge all along the fence may not be possible due to drop-down street lighting columns.]

23/21 To receive an update on remediation works at skate park at LSRRG and consider appointing specialists to advise further

The Council's insurer (at the time the defects in the structure were first noticed) had advised that in order to determine whether there is any claim to be made (against the main contractor) we need to commission a survey of the concrete base to ascertain whether the problems have been caused by faulty workmanship / poor design, or are related to unforeseen ground conditions / movement. They advise that the cost of this could be added to any eventual claim. A quotation from *Sandberg* in the sum of £5,000 had been received.

On the proposal of Cllr Craig Gale, seconded by Cllr Sandy Duck **RECOMMEND** to the F&GP Committee that £5,000 be approved to commission *Sandberg* to investigate the concrete base at Natts Lane skate park accordingly.

24/21 To note the update from Fearless Ramps on the quotation for the replacement skate park at Jubilee Fields

Last autumn, Fearless Ramps had been asked to firm-up a quotation to provide a new skate park at Jubilee Fields, having submitted the most popular design during a public consultation. Despite constant chasing by officers a quote had still not been forthcoming. A lengthy explanation for the delay had been circulated. Councillors were very disappointed by the delay and excuses. Cllr Craig Gale offered, as a user himself of the facility, to contact Fearless. It was agreed that Cllr Craig Gale be authorised to make strong representations as appropriate, keeping the office informed.

25/21 To receive property updates for information only.

NOTED. The Committee's usual thanks to officers for their endeavours was noted.

26/21 To consider a report on seating at Clevelands Gardens prepared by Cllr Paul Berry

Cllr Paul Berry had kindly prepared a report on seating at Clevelands Gardens. Two benches remained where there had previously been four. As this was such a popular area for all ages, but mindful of ASB issues, he suggested that two perch seats, as per Manor Fields be installed. On the proposal of Cllr Paul Berry, seconded by Cllr Barry Barnes **RECOMMEND** that the F&GP Ctte be asked to approve funds for one new trial perch seat at Clevelands Gardens, (possibly using CIL.)

27/21 To consider proposals for enhanced Christmas Lights in Village Centre

As the information requested was still awaited, this was DEFFERED.

28/21 Any other matters for information only.

None

29/21 Date of Next Meeting: 15 September 2021

The meeting finished at 8.08pm

Chairman

Date