



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Property Committee  
at the Billingshurst Centre  
Wednesday 10 April 2024 at 7pm**

**Present**

Cllrs Craig Gale (Chairman), Edna Bengler, Paul Berry, Phillip Day, Sandy Duck and Steve Thomas.

**In Attendance**

G Burt, Clerk to the Council

**15/24 Chairman's Announcements.**

The Chairman

- a. Advised that the meeting was being streamed to the internet.
- b. Asked Members to raise their hands if they wished to speak and speak clearly.
- c. Mobile 'phones should either be switched off or silenced.

**16/24 Apologies.**

None.

**17/24 Declarations of Interest and Notification of Changes to Members' Interests.**

None.

**18/24 Minutes.**

On the proposal of Cllr Steve Thomas, seconded by Cllr Sandy Duck, **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2024, previously circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman of the meeting.

**19/24 Clerk's Report.**

The Clerk reported that work had started on site to construct the new skatepark. A Cllr suggested informing those that had taken an interest in the project.

**20/24 Public Session.**

None.

**21/24 To consider request to site sponsored seat on highway.**

A resident had suggested and offered to sponsor, a new seat in Mill Lane near to the entrance to Lakers Meadow, to assist shoppers who may be struggling up the incline. Officers felt that with a seat already outside the Library and another at the junction with Mill Way, that there was already sufficient provision in the locality, hence bringing it to Committee. On the proposal of Cllr Phillip Day, seconded by Cllr Sandy Duck, **RESOLVED** that the proposal be supported, subject to there being sufficient highway land to the rear of the footway and West Sussex County Council's (WSSCC) resulting consent.

**22/24 To consider quotes to provide new path at SRCG.**

Three quotes, set out below, had been received for the provision of a new pathway across the rear of Station Road Community Gardens (SRCG), linking the footpath from Myrtle Lane to the entrance to The Weald School, in front of the Men's Shed. This had been requested for some time, primarily to assist school pupils.

Contractor	Quote
Arbour Landscapes	29,100
Jardiner Ltd	13,580
Leith Hill Plant Ltd	34,800

On the proposal of Cllr Paul Berry, seconded by Cllr Steve Thomas, **RESOLVED** that the quote from Jardiner Ltd in the sum of £13,580 be accepted, subject to the securing of s106 funds from Horsham District Council (HDC) or WSCC.

**23/24 To consider request by HDC for views on application by HDC to draw down S106 funds (held by HDC) to undertake Food Waste Collection Project Phase 1.** [Note. This would ordinarily go to F&GP but due to the deadline, which we had asked be extended, it is coming to this Committee; there is no funding implication for this Council.]

On the proposal of Cllr Craig Gale, seconded by Cllr Sandy Duck, **RESOLVED** to support the use of S106 funds as set out.

**24/24 To receive property updates for information only.**

NOTED. The Committee's usual thanks to Officers for their endeavours were noted.

**25/24 Date of Next Meeting: 12 June 2024.****26/24 Exclusion of Press & Public.**

On the proposal of Cllr Craig Gale, seconded by Cllr Sandy Duck, **RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (contractual), the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

**27/24 Consideration of offer for siting Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points at Jubilee Fields car park.**

The Committee had previously supported a proposal to site EV charging points in the car park at Jubilee Fields, subject to further information. A draft lease and financial offer had now been received. **DEFER** pending further information on

- i. potential conflict with the agreement the Council has with the Highwood Group, should the *West of Billingshurst* proposal receive consent;
- ii. responsibility to restore land *post-lease*;
- iii. Views of Council solicitor.

*The meeting finished at 7.31pm.*

Chairman

Date