



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Property Committee
at the Billingshurst Centre
Wednesday 12 June 2024 at 7pm**

Present

Cllrs Paul Berry (in the chair), Edna Bengler, Sandy Duck and Steve Thomas.

In Attendance

G Burt, Clerk to the Council

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chair, it was agreed that Cllr Paul Berry chair the meeting.

28/24 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.

29/24 Apologies.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Phillip Day and Craig Gale for approved reasons. On the proposal of Cllr Paul Berry, seconded by Cllr Edna Bengler, **RESOLVED** that the apologies and reasons given be accepted.

30/24 Declarations of Interest and Notification of Changes to Members' Interests.

None.

31/24 Minutes.

On the proposal of Cllr Paul Berry, seconded by Cllr Steve Thomas, **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2024, previously circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman of the meeting.

32/24 Clerk's Report.

The Clerk reported that the ramps were now starting to rise at the new skatepark.

33/24 Public Session.

None.

34/24 Consideration of offer for siting Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points at Jubilee Fields car park.

At the last meeting, consideration of agreement to permit the siting of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points at Jubilee Fields car park had been deferred pending further information. The operators had since confirmed that the above-surface kit would be removed at the end of

the term, (if contract not renewed), leaving the underground services for any subsequent operator. The Highwood Group, with whom the Council had an option to improve the site should it receive an associated planning permission, has also raised no objection. On the proposal of Cllr Steve Thomas, seconded by Cllr Paul Berry, **RESOLVED** that the agreement be supported and to instruct the Council's solicitor accordingly.

35/24 To consider request to permit greenhouses at Billingshurst Allotments

Billingshurst Allotment Society had sought permission to vary the current agreement, which prohibited greenhouses, following requests from plot holders. On the proposal of Cllr Paul Berry, seconded by Cllr Steve Thomas, **RESOLVED** that greenhouses no bigger than the size of sheds currently allowed, non-glass, be permitted accordingly.

36/24 To receive property updates for information only.

NOTED. Members asked that the earlier closing time of the public toilets (4pm) be re-publicised; they hoped that in due course this may be revisited as they were a well-used public facility. Cllr Sandy Duck reported on the recent community gardening days at Station Road Community Gardens (SRCG); a more regular group was now being set up to try to keep on top of the workload. Cllr Sandy Duck was reassured by the Clerk that officers were making headway in identifying S106 funds to provide a new path to the rear of the gardens. The Committee's usual thanks to Officers for their endeavours were noted.

37/24 Date of Next Meeting: 11 September 2024.

The meeting finished at 7.18pm.

Chairman

Date