

**MINUTES**  
**of the Parks and Recreation Committee**  
**held online, on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.00pm**

**Membership:**

<b>Cllr Brett (East) Chairman</b>	*	<b>Cllr Pitcher (Broadway)</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Cllr Davis (East)</b>	*	<b>Cllr Robbins (East)</b>	*
<b>Cllr Doyle (East)</b>	*	<b>Cllr Spender (Broadway) Vice-Chairman</b>	*
<b>Cllr Fryer (Broadway)</b>	*	<b>Peter Hewitt (co-opted)</b>	<b>A</b>

**Key: \* Present A Apologies AB Absent**

**In attendance:**

**Officers:** Tom Dommett, Assistant Town Clerk, Stuart Legg, Parks and Open Spaces Manager, Judith Halls, Office Manager

**Online Meeting Attendees:** Cllr Nicklin, one member of the public.

**PR/20/011 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Pitcher and co-opted member Peter Hewitt.

**PR/20/012 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Brett declared a non-pecuniary interest on item 9 as the Patron of Sustainable Warminster.

Cllr Davis declared a non-pecuniary interest on Item 10 as he is a Feoffee of the Chapel of St Lawrence.

Cllr Fryer declared a non-pecuniary interest on item 9 as a member of Sustainable Warminster.

**PR/20/013 Minutes**

**PR/20/013.1** The minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May were **approved as a true record and signed.**

**PR/20/013.2** There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May - **Noted**

**PR/20/014 Chairman's Announcements**

None

**PR/20/015 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**PR/20/016 Presentation re Bats in the Lake Pleasure Grounds**

Sarah Walters from Sustainable Warminster gave a PowerPoint presentation about bats in the Lake Pleasure Grounds and requesting support for a bat Interpretation Board. The Chairman thanked Sarah for her excellent report and apologised for the technical difficulties in the early stages of the presentation.

**PR/20/017 Reports from Unitary Authority Members**

No reports from Unitary Members for this committee.

**PR/20/018 Clerk's Report: Lake Pleasure Grounds and Associated Land**

The Clerks report was **Noted**. In response to a question from Cllr Davis it was reported that steps were being taken to try and reduce overcrowding at the skatepark.

**PR/20/019 Bat Interpretation Board in the Lake Pleasure Grounds**

Cllr Davis proposed that Warminster Town Council buy and install a bat information board, working in partnership with Sustainable Warminster to agree the artwork. WTC would invoice Sustainable Warminster for £750, as Sustainable Warminster financial contribution towards the scheme. The net cost to the town council of £728.40 to come from ear marked reserves for devolved services, seconded Cllr Robbins, voting five in favour, none against, one abstention.

**PR/20/020 Contracts**

Cllr Doyle proposed that members agree in principle that these services should be provided 'in house' by Warminster Town Council rather than through a contractor and the council instructs officers to undertake further preparatory work, seconded Cllr Robbins, voting five in favour, one against, no abstentions.

**PR/20/021 Communications**

**PR/20/21.1 Members** required a press release to be issued about the Bat Interpretation Board.

**PR/20/21.2 Cllr Brett, Chairman of the committee** would be their spokesperson to report on the Council's decision if required.

**Meeting closed 8.15pm**

**The date of the next Parks and Recreation Committee will be Monday  
28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.00pm**

Minutes from this meeting will be available to all members of the public either from our website [www.warminster-tc.gov.uk](http://www.warminster-tc.gov.uk) or by contacting us at Warminster Civic Centre.