

MINUTES

of the Parks and Recreation Committee

held online, on Tuesday 26th May 2020 at 7.00pm

Membership:

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

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: 4

PR/20/001 Apologies for absence

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

PR/20/002 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Davis declared an interest in agenda item 9. Outdoor Gym as his property overlooks the Lake Pleasure Grounds, Town Park. He was on the Area Board Committee that awarded the grant for the gym equipment but as this is a non-pecuniary interest he would take part in discussion and vote.

PR/20/003 Minutes

PR/20/003.1 The minutes of the Devolved Services and Assets Committee meeting held on Monday 3rd February were **approved as a true record and signed.**

PR/20/003.2 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Devolved Assets and Services Committee meeting held on 3rd February 2020 - **Noted**

PR/20/004 Chairman's Announcements
Cllr Brett advised he was delighted to be Chairman for the newly named Parks and Recreation Committee.

PR/20/005 Public Participation
There was no public participation.

PR/20/006 Reports from Unitary Authority Members
No reports from Unitary Members for this committee.

PR/20/007 Clerk's Report: Lake Pleasure Grounds and Associated Land
The Clerks report was **Noted**.

PR/20/008 Corona Virus
Members were pleased that the skatepark had been reopened and that it was being used sensibly, adhering to the Government guidelines. Cllr Davis advised members that there had been an issue between skaters and members of the public before it was widely known that as a sport the skatepark had been opened. Members also wished for it to be clarified that the public conveniences were still closed and would be until a further guidance was forthcoming from Government. At the moment, the Government's advice is to allow outdoor exercise, but not to encourage the use of indoor areas where there is 'a higher risk of close contact and touching surfaces', which clearly applies to public toilets. The report was **Noted**.

PR/20/009 Outdoor Gym
Cllr Brett reminded members that this had been discussed at a previous meeting where it was asked that more information be provided before making a decision. The report attached to the agenda is comprehensive and provides four quotes for very similar sets of gym equipment.

Cllr Spender proposed for members to agree to appoint Preludic to install outdoor gym equipment in the Lake Pleasure Grounds, Town Park at a cost of £11,900, seconded Cllr Davis, voting 5 in favour, 1 against and Nil abstention. Motion carried.

PR/20/010 Communications
PR/20/010.1 Members required a press release to be issued about the Public Conveniences, reiterating why they remain closed
PR/20/010.2 Cllr Brett, Chairman of the committee would be their spokesperson to report on the Council's decision if required.

Meeting closed 7.40pm

The date of the next Parks and Recreation Committee will be Monday 27th July 2020 at 7.00pm

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