

MINUTES

of the Parks and Recreation Committee

held online, on Monday 23rd November 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	A
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: Cllrs Fraser and Jeffries

PR/20/032 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Doyle, Spender and Co-opted member Peter Hewitt

PR/20/033 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest under Warminster Town Council's (WTC) Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

PR/20/034 Minutes

PR/20/034.1 The minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on Monday 28th September were **approved as a true record and signed.**

PR/20/034.2 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on Monday 28th September - **Noted**

PR/20/035 Chairman's Announcements

None

PR/20/036 Public Participation

Cllr Jeffries spoke reminding the committee that Warminster Town Council had signed up to the Climate Change Emergency and had already taken many initiatives such as the switch to a green energy supplier. He noted the agenda items on battery powered tools and said support for such measures were further steps to improve the councils green credentials.

- PR/20/037** Reports from Unitary Authority Members
No reports from Unitary Members for this committee.
- PR/20/038** Clerk's Report: Lake Pleasure Grounds and Associated Land
The Clerks report was **Noted**.
- PR/20/039** Pavilion Café Winter Opening
Cllr Brett thanked the Warminster Town Council officers involved in obtaining the grant given by Wiltshire Council to help businesses during the Covid19 pandemic. The Pavilion Café is doing well as a takeaway and is regularly being used by people whilst out walking in the park.
The reported was **Noted**.
- PR/20/040** Accounts up to 31st October 2020
The accounts for the Parks and Recreation Committee until 31st October 2020 were **Noted**.
- PR/20/041** Ride on Mower
Members had a lengthy debate about the purchase of a ride on mower. The Park and Open Spaces Manager answered all the questions members asked. Members referred to the battery powered mower being in line with the councils green policies.
Cllr Robbins proposed to recommend to Full Council the purchase of the battery- powered Mean Green Mower at a cost of £25,839 plus VAT, seconded Cllr Davis, voting in favour 4, abstention 1, against Nil.
Motion carried.
- PR/20/042** Schedule of works for play areas
The schedule of works for the play areas was **Noted**.
- PR/20/043** Handheld Equipment
The members unanimously approved to purchase Husqvarna battery handheld equipment
2 x trimmers,
2 x blowers,
1 x hedge cutter
1 x push mower
1 x battery powered greens mower
from Melksham Ground care at a cost of £4337.92
- PR/20/044** Hanging Baskets 2021
Members received the report and had a discussion on which option they wished to adopt for the delivery of the hanging baskets.
Cllr Davis proposed for Warminster Town Council to purchase the hanging baskets from Platescape at a cost of £3367.50 and request that a quote be sought for them be planted for this season 2021. If this falls within the £1800 budget set aside, then it can go ahead. Further quotes

can be sought using local suppliers for the following years. **Seconded Cllr Robbins, voting unanimous in favour.**

PR/20/045 Communications

PR/20/45.1 Members did not require a press release to be issued on this occasion.

PR/20/45.2 Cllr Brett, Chairman of the committee would be their spokesperson to report on the Council's decision if required.

Meeting closed 8.05pm

**The date of the next Parks and Recreation Committee will be
Monday 25th January 2021 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 or by contacting us at Warminster Civic Centre.