

## MINUTES

### Parks and Estates Committee

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.00pm, held at the  
Civic Centre, Sambourne Road, Warminster, BA12 8LB**

#### Membership:

<b>Cllr Allensby (West) Vice-Chairman</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Cllr Macdonald (East)</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Cllr Brett (East)</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Cllr Macfarlane (West)</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Cllr Fraser (West) Chairman</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Cllr Parks (North)</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Cllr Fryer (Broadway)</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Mr Peter Hewitt (Advisor)</b>	<b>*</b>

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

#### In attendance:

**Officers:** Tom Dommett, (Town Clerk and RFO), Stuart Legg, (Parks and Estate Manager),  
Stuart Atherton, (Committees and Administration Clerk)

**Attendees:** Press - 1, members of the public - 2

#### **PE/21/052 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies of absence.

#### **PE/21/053 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Macdonald declared a non-pecuniary interest in PE/21/060 (Queens Way Play Area, Football Goals) received under Warminster Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011. He would however remain and speak and vote on the issue.

#### **PE/21/054 Minutes**

**PE/21/054.1** The minutes of the Parks and Estates Committee meeting, held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022, were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**PE/21/054.2** There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Parks and Estates Committee meeting, held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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**PE/21/055 Chairman's Announcements**

There were no announcements by the chairman.

**PE/21/056 Public Participation**

None.

**PE/21/057 Reports from Unitary Authority Members**

There were no reports from Unitary members.

**PE/21/058 Parks and Estates Manager's report**

**The Parks and Estates Manager's report was noted.**

**PE/21/059 Accounts**

**The accounts for the Parks and Estates Committee up to 31st January 2022 were noted.**

**PE/21/060 Queensway Play Area, Football Goals**

Councillor Macdonald had asked the committee to consider installing two mini football goals at Queensway Play Area.

**Members resolved to purchase the goals at a cost of £1,000 - funding to come from Earmarked Reserves Play Areas.**

**PE/21/061 The Beeches Play Area**

At the Parks and Estate committee meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 members resolved to remove the fence at the Beeches and consult local residents to determine which play equipment they would like in the play area. Consultation with residents had indicated opposition to the removal of the fence as it kept dogs and cars off the play area.

**Members resolved to ask officers to investigate the cost of replacing the dilapidated fence with a hedge and a knee rail and to bring the matter back to a subsequent committee meeting for decision.**

**PE/21/062 Moving the flagpole in the Lake Pleasure Grounds**

Cllr Fryer had asked the committee to consider moving the flagpole by the Pavilion Café to nearer Weymouth Street.

**Members resolved to purchase a new 6m flagpole that will be positioned in the vicinity of the Weymouth Street pedestrian entrance, at a cost of £1,000 - funding to come from Earmarked Reserves Open Spaces.**

**PE/21/063 Planting of Hornbeams in the Lake Pleasure Grounds**

Cllr Fryer has proposed the following motion:

"To consider planting one or more Hornbeams in the Park and perhaps elsewhere. The appearance of Hornbeams is very rural and would therefore be suitable for a country town like Warminster. Perhaps this could be for the Jubilee."

Seconded Cllr Parks.

**Members voted in favour of the motion.**

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**PE/21/067 Refurbishment of the Tennis Courts**

All members had attended a briefing on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to review options for refurbishing the Tennis Courts in the Lake Pleasure Ground.

**Cllr Macdonald proposed the Committee recommend to Full Council that:**

- i) Officers continue to liaise with the Lawn Tennis Association and Sport England about securing matched funding for refurbishing the Tennis Courts**
- ii) Officers are authorised to seek tenders for a refurbishment of the Tennis Courts and MUGA**
- iii) The inhouse model is the preferred option for running the refurbished Tennis Courts.**

**Seconded, Cllr MacFarlane.**

**Members voted 6 in favour, nil against and 1 abstention. Motion carried.**

**PE/21/068 Path between the play area and the skatepark**

The path between the children's play area and the skatepark has seen a considerable increase in use. This has led to the path becoming somewhat rutted, wet and muddy. The Parks and Estate manager explained that there were two options – tarmacking the path at a cost of around £16,000 – £19,000 depending on the tenders received or resurfacing with stone which would need more maintenance but would have a lower upfront cost.

**Members resolved that the path should be resurfaced inhouse using stone at a cost of £2000, funding to come from Earmarked Reserves Open Spaces.**

**PE/21/069 Boat house and the Lake Pleasure Grounds Centenary Celebrations**

**Members resolved that officers should go ahead with work to prevent deterioration of the Boat House. Funding to come from Earmarked Reserves Open Spaces.**

**Members resolved that the next meeting of the Committee would set up a working group that will consider how best to progress the regeneration of the Boat House.**

**Members resolved that the next meeting of the Committee would set up a working group for planning for the Lake Pleasure Ground Centenary Celebrations.**

**Communications**

**Members agreed that there would be no communications necessary from this meeting.**

**Meeting ended 8:06pm**

**The date of the next Parks and Estates Committee will be Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 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.

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