

Public Services Committee
Thursday 13 July 2017 - 6.30 pm

Present: Councillors E Jaquin [Chairman], Mrs W Clark, J Dawson, R G Heseltine, Mrs P Heseltine, P Madeley and Mrs K McIntyre.

Officers: Les Chandler [Estate Manager] and Wendy Allsopp [Committee Services Officer].

1. To accept representations from the Public between 6.30 pm and 6.45 pm.

None.

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr M Emmerson (holiday).

3. To record declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

None.

4. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

None.

5. To approve the minutes from the previous meeting held on 15 June 2017.

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2017 were accepted as a true and fair record of what transpired at that meeting.

6. To report and receive information arising from the minutes of items not on the Agenda from Members and the Chief Officer.

Attendance of non-committee Members at Committee meetings – Has been discussed by the Finance and Policy Committee whose recommendations will be submitted to Full Council.

The Ginnel Play Area - The Estate Manager reported that issues with regard to vehicular access to the site were still ongoing.

Event at North Parade Recreation Ground - As it appeared that the organisers of the 'Furever Loved' event had not undertaken a full litter pick after the event it was **AGREED** that:

the Council should write to 'Furever Loved' to ask that, for any future events, litter must be disposed of otherwise fees will be chargeable.

Event organisers to provide additional temporary facilities to deal with excess litter.

7. To undertake the quarterly review of the Non-Routine Maintenance Schedule.

Raikes Road Recreation Ground – The S106 funding arising from the Wooler's development off White Hills Lane not yet available.

The Ginnel Play Area – One of the anti-wrap bearings on the cradle seat swing now needs to be replaced as a high priority. Due to problems with regard to accessing the site and in the interests of public safety it was **RESOLVED** that the swings should be taken out of service and the faulty bearing replaced as soon as possible.

Christ Church – It was noted that the decorative railings requested by the Parochial Church Council would be an improvement so the Town Council is not obliged to contribute to the cost of installing them.

8. To decide whether an additional gate should be installed at Shortbank Recreation Ground.

In the interests of public safety, it was **RESOLVED** that an additional gate should be installed by the Town Council to enclose a cattle grid recently constructed on the site by Yorkshire Housing as part of its Shortbank Close Drainage Scheme.

9. To consider a request to add a memorial plaque to one of the High Street Benches.

Members **RESOLVED** to politely decline this request as it has come from a non-resident.

10. To decide whether an additional dog bin should be installed at Middletown Recreation Ground.

Members noted that there is already a bin at the Pinhaw Road entrance to Middletown Recreation Ground. Therefore, it was **AGREED** that the Estate Manager should ascertain whether dog owners are using the existing bin to its full capacity or whether there is a need for a new bin or for the existing bin to be emptied more frequently.

11. To receive any updates regarding:

Projects and Initiatives being supported by Skipton BID – No update at present.

The Market Management Group – The next meeting is scheduled for early August.

Footfall Counter data - It was noted that Skipton Sheep Day was a tremendously popular event attracting 19,000 visitors. 5,000 attended the Skipton Cycle Race evening.

12. To receive notification of matters that members would like included on a future agenda.

Risk Assessments for all high-risk activities.

Meeting closed at 7.34 pm.

Chairman:

Signature:

Date: