



Public Services Committee
Thursday 3 May 2018 - 6.30 pm

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

Officers: Dave Parker (Chief Officer), Joel Henderson (Estate Manager) and Wendy Allsopp (Administration & Member Services Manager).

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 M Emmerson (work commitments)

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 8 March 2018.

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2018 were accepted as a true and fair record of what transpired at that meeting subject to the following amendment:

Item 6 – *‘which the Finance & Policy Committee will decide how to spend’* should be deleted.

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

Black Walk footpath – It was **NOTED** that Tesco has chosen to retract funding for this as they believe Network Rail are responsible for the footpath leading from the town centre to the train station. The Committee understand that Network Rail have been

undertaking work to trees along the walkway. The Estate Manager is in the process of investigating the situation.

Ginnel Play Area - Councillor Dawson told those present that he has not had any update from officers at Craven District Council about this matter. Officers have again written to Mrs Kirkwood requesting further permission to temporarily access the land to undertake maintenance over the next few weeks as agreed with her.

7. To consider the proposed methodology for managing the project to provide a new vehicle access into Middletown Allotments.

Members **AGREED** to allow the Estate Manager to manage this project consulting Members and tenants throughout.

8. To decide whether the Council should adopt proposed meadow land at Burnside.

The Committee **AGREED** that the Town Council should decline the offer to take responsibility for the meadow land believing that any Community Infrastructure Levy (S106) payment awarded would be better suited for improvements to Burnside Recreation Ground. The Committee feel that monies would be best used to upgrade and enhance the Council's existing assets.

9. To consider seeking a valuation of the Town Council's grazing land and to consider alternative uses for one or both sites.

It was **RESOLVED** to not seek a valuation of the land on the basis that it would not significantly impact the retail yield of the land.

10. To consider a proposal from North Yorkshire County Council's Definitive Map Officer to create a new footpath at Snaygill.

Members present **AGREED** that, although they do have concerns about pedestrians crossing the railway line, to inform the Definitive Map Officer that they are content with the proposed improvements.

11. To receive any updates regarding:

Holy Trinity Churchyard wall:

The Church Council, which appears to have accepted that restoration of the wall is not the legal responsibility of Skipton Town Council, is now dealing with matters

Skipton Business Improvement District (BID):

Details of arrangements for the BID renewal ballot will be presented to Full Council in due course.

Skipton Market:

Officers are still attempting to negotiate compensation for disruption caused by the work undertaken by Northern Gas Networks.

Footfall Counter data:

Data is now being received allowing the Council to compare figures collated last year.

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

None.

As this is the last meeting of the Committee this civic year the Chairman thanked those who had attended.

Meeting closed at 7.17 pm.