



Public Services Committee
Thursday 7 November 2019 - 6.30 pm

Present: Councillors J Dawson (Chairman), R G Heseltine, A Hickman, E Jaquin, C Nash, R Judge, D Painter and D Shaw

Officers: Joel Henderson (Estate Manager) and Wendy Allsopp (Administration Manager)

In attendance: Councillor Sheila Bentley

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

None

2. To accept apologies for absence.

None received

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

None

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6. To discuss an allotment site transfer proposal from Craven District Council.

Members **NOTED** that should Skipton Town Council accept management of District Council owned allotment sites the authority would waive its legal costs.

However, Members **RESOLVED** to refuse the proposal from CDC and negotiate alternative terms.

Members asked the Estate Manager to further negotiate the transfer of the land to Skipton Town Council.

It was agreed that Members should be updated on this matter at a future meeting of this committee.

7. To discuss the replacement of a street light at Back Walton Street.

Following a brief discussion Members **AGREED** to decommission street light number STC020 sited at Back Walton Street at a cost of £450.

8. To receive an oral update from the Estate Manager to include matters relating to access to the Ginnel Play Area.

The Estate Manager reported ongoing issues concerning a resident restricting vehicular access to the Ginnel Play Area and therefore potentially causing problems for emergency vehicles and the Town Council Estates team.

Members **NOTED** that Skipton Town Council has no right of access to the play area. However, the landowner, Craven District Council (CDC) should.

It was **AGREED** that the Council should report its concerns to CDC's legal team.

9. To consider excluding press and public for consideration of item 10 on the grounds that it relates to confidential matters.

It was **RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable and in the public interest that the press and public be asked to withdraw.

10. To receive an oral update from the Estate Manager on matters relating to the keeping of pigeons on allotment plots.

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

Street signage on Greatwood – issues with graffiti

Meeting closed at 7:08 pm

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