

Main points arising: Appointment of Chairman/ Operations and Events Manager's Update for March 2015/ Festive decorations/ Footpath FP13 / Easement of the Town Council's Byelaws from Poynton and District Rotary Club

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.15PM ON MONDAY 13TH APRIL 2015 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Sewart

Cllrs. Cllr I Hollingworth, Mrs S Horsman and G Smith

Attending under SO 56: Cllrs. L A Clarke and C A Gorst

(Cllr L A Clarke later substituted for Cllr Hollingworth under SO 54, following the latter's departure from the meeting)

69. Appointment of Chairman

In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman it was proposed that Cllr Mrs J Sewart be appointed Chairman for this meeting.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Mrs J Sewart be appointed Chairman (3 – 1abs)

70. Apologies for absence

Cllrs. G Bartos, Mrs R Horsman-Johnson, G King, B Lewis, A Smith and Mrs I Thornton-Maddocks.

71. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

Cllrs L A Clarke and G Smith both declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 74, festive decorations, and abstained on the vote, given that they both have business interests on Park Lane.

72. Minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 2nd March 2015

On the subject of dog fouling it was reported that PCSOs do ticket people for dog fouling in other areas such as Macclesfield and Warrington, so it can be carried out in Poynton too.

Regarding Queensway Revitalisation, it was requested that the answers to the questions are included. It was clarified that there were two Aldi planning applications, (original and revised). Both are available on the CE website together with any conditions imposed. The Operations Manager will follow up on this issue.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee held on 2nd March 2015 are approved as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (3 - 1 abs)

73. Update for March 2015 from the Operations and Events Manager

Dog Fouling

Concern was raised about dog waste bags left on trees or in hedges. This is a littering offence with a maximum fine of £2,000. Articles have been placed in the local media to highlight the issue of dog fouling, as well as information on the Town Council website. The Town Council has established a partnership with the local police to encourage the reporting of offenders and the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices. Residents are encouraged to report dog fouling offences. It was noted that youngsters sometimes take their dogs for a walk in place of an adult and may not dispose of the waste.

Annual Litter Pick

- BT Repeater Station on London Road South opposite Clifford Road. It was reported that the BT Repeater Station is in a very poor state and the bushes need cutting back too. The Operations Manager confirmed that this is private property, and this issue has previously been reported. From discussions it was noted that the conditions mean that this could cause a health/hygiene hazard and is also an insecure area. The Operations Manager will follow up on this and request the PCSOs to include this area on their regular patrols.

- Main telephone exchange in Poynton. It was reported that this is in poor condition and requires general improvement and maintenance.

- Cable boxes (BT/Virgin). Litter has accumulated behind the cable boxes on Gloucester Road and at the bottoms of Dickens Lane. These will be included in the annual litter pick.

Street Lighting

Street lights near Waterloo Road which are not working were reported as:

- Opposite Sutton Road/opposite Wincle Road junction
- Another on a junction with Waterloo Road

It was reported that the lighting on Dickens Lane/Yew Tree Lane needs attention because it is very poor and dangerous. The Operations Manager will continue to follow up.

Glastonbury proposed play area

It was noted that any project in memory of Cllr Hoyland must include discussion and consultation with his widow, Jane.

Inclines/Footpaths

It was noted that the chippings have made an improvement.

RESOLVED: That a letter of thanks is sent to the organisers of the Poynton 10km event on behalf of the Committee for the donation for Inclines maintenance (NC)

Section 106 Monies

RESOLVED: That the Operations Manager finds out more details relating to S106 monies and that the issue is included as an agenda item for the next meeting (NC)

RESOLVED: That the report from the Operations Manager is received with thanks (NC)

(Cllrs Gorst and Hollingworth left the meeting. Cllr Clarke substituted for Cllr Hollingworth under SO 54).

74. Festive Decorations

Members received and discussed the report from the Operations Manager.

It was proposed that the recommendation in the report is approved. In addition, the Operations Manager is requested to approach the Rotary Club, Round Table, Waitrose, Asda, Morrisons, the Co-Op and Wetherspoons for a contribution towards additional festive lights.

The Operations Manager explained that this item requires a timely decision to allow enough time to pursue this issue further. Given that Cllrs. L A Clarke and G Smith intended to abstain on the vote, having previously declared an interest, the Committee was no longer quorate in terms of the vote. The Chairman proposed that this therefore be considered under the terms of SO 51 via e-mail.

RESOLVED: That the report on festive decorations from the Operations and Events Manager is received, and that his proposal is considered under SO 51 (NC)

75. Public footpath between FP13 Lyme Handley on the Macclesfield Canal and FP13 to the south east of Throstlenest Farm

RESOLVED: That the correspondence from Cheshire East is noted (NC)

76. Request for an easement of the Town Council's Byelaws from Poynton and District Rotary Club,

RESOLVED: That the easement requested by the Poynton and District Rotary Club to enable their annual 'Party in the Park' to take place in Poynton Park on Saturday 13th June 2015 is granted (NC)

The meeting concluded at 9.00pm