

Main points arising: Proposed Glastonbury Drive play area / Memorial/Heritage Garden / Operations Manager's update for July & August / FIED Task & Finish Group remits / SO51 easement of Byelaws for Bonfire and Firework Display.

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr H Murray

Cllrs: L Berry, L A Clarke, Mrs T Lorde, M Sewart and Mrs J Sewart

Also attending under SO 56: Cllr Mrs J Saunders (substituting for Cllr S Horsman)

16. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Mrs S J Gilmore and Mrs S Horsman

17. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None declared.

18. Minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 27th July 2015

Tree Estate dropped kerbs - It was noted that councillors had met with Mrs Arrowsmith to discuss the issues she had raised at the last meeting. More work is required and developments are on-going.

Barnaby Park zip wire - The Operations Manager informed the committee that the zip wire had not currently been repaired and that he continues to liaise with Cheshire East on the issue.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee of 27th July 2015 are approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (NC)

It was proposed that as a resident, Mr Penny, was in attendance, Item 8 on the Agenda, the Memorial/Heritage Garden, is moved to Item 6.

RESOLVED: That Item 8 on the Agenda, the Memorial/Heritage Garden, is taken as Item 6 (NC)

19. Presentation regarding a proposed play area at Philips Bridge, off Glastonbury Drive

Mr David Jacks, of 12 Glastonbury Drive, presented to members on a proposed play area at Philips Bridge off Glastonbury Drive. Mr Jacks has leafletted residents on the Glastonbury estate and gathered feedback from them on the proposed play area at Philips Bridge. He reported that the majority of responses were positive. Any concerns raised related to drainage issues and the potential for anti-social behaviour. Mr Jacks has set up a Facebook page to post any updates and developments on his meetings with CE and to receive feedback. Mr Jacks has met with Marianne Hodgkinson from CE, who explained the bidding process and put Mr Jacks in touch with Pentagon Sports for equipment ideas. Mr Jacks is currently collating feedback from residents before settling on a design.

Mr Jacks explained the options for funding which include WREN (£15k) and the Big Lottery Fund (£15k). Mr Jacks has previously met Poynton Town Council on site and discussed the facilities and project with wider community input. Mr Jacks is currently in the process of establishing a Residents Association. Funding is subject to the status of the land which is a Cheshire East asset. For Lottery funding, the asset would need to be transferred to the Town Council from CE or given on a long lease e.g. 125 years.

Councillors commented that the plans appeared to be aimed at small children, and asked what safeguarding issues could arise. Mr Jacks replied that the designs would aim to include age groups from toddlers to 11/12 year olds. There are trees between the nearest houses and the park but there has been conflicting advice concerning open and enclosed parks. There would need to be signage in the area noting that children of a certain age would need to be accompanied by parents. The Operations Manager noted that Hockley Play Area is very similar to the site at Philips Bridge with only one entrance and surrounded by foliage.

A member confirmed that the Town Council's byelaws apply to Philips Bridge. The committee fully supported the play area in principle and could commit to long-term maintenance once it has been established. However, this would be dependent on the land being transferred from Cheshire East.

Following discussion the committee members received the following proposal:

RESOLVED: That Mr Jacks is thanked for his hard work and his report. That, in principle, the Town Council supports the Philips Bridge play area initiative, assuming a satisfactory transfer/lease from CE. That the Committee agree to assume future responsibilities for maintenance, security and insurance arrangements similar to those in place at Brecon and Hockley play areas.

20. A report from the Memorial/Heritage Garden Working Group

Cllr Mrs Sewart briefed members on her written report on the Memorial/Heritage Garden Working Group. Mr Tony Penny of 37 Glastonbury Drive, a member of Poynton & District Rotary Club, attended the meeting and spoke in support of the information provided by Cllr Mrs Sewart.

The committee agreed the following proposal:

The committee supports the Task and Finish group's initial ideas.

The committee approves the remit of the Task and Finish Group.

The membership of the Task and Finish Group will include Cllr Mrs S Horsman, Cllr Mrs J Sewart, Diane Penny, R Bennell, sixth form students from Poynton High School and representatives from the Anson Engine Museum.

RESOLVED: That the report from the Memorial/Heritage Garden Task and Finish Group is approved and the proposal agreed. That the committee is informed of further developments (NC)

21. Parking issues in the area of Hazelbadge Road and Wayside Drive

The committee noted that the issue of parking in the area of Hazelbadge Road and Wayside Drive had been transferred for discussion at the COPS committee meeting on the 5th October 2015.

22. Update for July and August 2015 from the Operations and Events Manager

Barnaby Fencing

A member noted that during discussions at the previous COPS meeting, the police had suggested fencing as much of Barnaby field as possible. The Operations Manager explained that this would be prohibitively expensive and that initially the fencing of the play area and adult gym was proposed. The Police had commented that preventing youngsters sitting on the equipment would help reduce anti-social behaviour. An image of the fencing location was requested for the next meeting.

A member noted that it has taken over three months to repair the zip wire at Barnaby Park and requested a timescale for the repair. The Operations Manager said he would continue to chase CE on the issue. It was suggested that Marianne Hodgkinson be asked to conduct a walk around all of the Poynton parks.

Hockley Play Area

The new Youth Co-ordinator has been given responsibility for finding funding for new equipment. The first stage of this was a public consultation on Saturday 26th September. The next WREN funding bid is due to be submitted in November 2015.

Festive Lighting

The committee registered its disappointed at the response by businesses to contributing towards the festive lighting, despite the Town Council support for local businesses. The Town Council have had initial discussions with Projects 4 Poynton to consider options for generating revenue to reduce the amount of the Town Council funding requirement for the Christmas Fest.

The Operations Manager was requested to arrange padlocking of the gate on Lady's Incline.

RESOLVED: That the written update for July/August 2015 from the Operations and Events Manager is received with thanks (NC)

23. Remits for those Task and Finish Groups answerable to the FIED Committee.

The Task and Finish Groups answerable to the FIED Committee, and the remits required for these groups, were reviewed.

Queensway Revitalisation

Cllr Smith be requested for an updated remit.

Visitor Economy

Cllr Gorst be requested for an updated remit.

Middlewood Station

Cllr Gorst be requested for an updated remit.

Clifford Road Narrowing

The Clifford Road Task and Finish Group can be disbanded as it has been approved by the Town Council and the LAP and has been forwarded to CE.

Footpaths/Cycling

Cllr Hoyland's original remit to be used.

Village Accessibility/Mobility

Remit as agreed at FIED meeting of 27th July 2015.

RESOLVED: That Cllr C Gorst and Cllr G Smith are approached for updated remits for their respective Task and Finish groups. That the version of the Footpath/Cycling remit submitted by Cllr Hoyland is included. That the Village Accessibility/Mobility remit is taken from the previous meeting minutes (NC)

24. Easement of the Town Council's Byelaws for Poynton Round Table's Annual Bonfire and Firework Display on Saturday 7th November 2015.

RESOLVED: That action taken under SO 51 requesting an easement of the Town Council's Byelaws on the use of parks and open spaces to enable Poynton Round Table's annual Bonfire and Firework Display to take place on Saturday 7th November 2015 is approved (NC)

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm