

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2017 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr H Murray

Cllrs: L Berry, L A Clarke, Mrs S-J Gilmore, Mrs S Horsman, L Podmore, M Sewart and Mrs N Wylie

66. Anyone attending or present at the Committee meeting declares that they are making, or intend to make, an audio recording and/or film the meeting

The Shorthand Assistant confirmed that the meeting is recorded for the purposes of minute taking and the recording is deleted within a week when the draft minutes are produced.

67. Questions from members of the public

There were members of the public in attendance.

68. Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs J Sewart.

69. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None.

70. Approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 23rd January 2017 were approved as an accurate record (NC)

71. Receive and consider an update for January and February 2017 from the Operations Manager

The Operations Manager spoke on the written update for January and February 2017.

The Operations Manager noted that issues are continually being identified and addressed. While 50 standing issues have been resolved, 57 new issues have arisen.

The following points from the report were noted:

- Graffiti will be removed from the Virgin Media boxes. The Operations Manager has in the process made a useful contact for the Town Council.
- Play equipment is due to be installed at Hockley Park starting on 7th March 2017. The Operations Manager was requested to ensure there is particular attention to the drains so that they are not crushed when the equipment is installed.
- Woburn Court tree; the Operations Manager has checked the Town Council management plan and confirmed that the tree does not belong to the Town Council, it is the responsibility of Woburn Court. The Operations Manager has visually checked the tree, taken all reasonable steps and advised Woburn Court accordingly.
- The Committee noted their thanks to Peaks and Plains for the work to date on Long Row stream Screen.

From further discussion it was noted that there is a tree that is still in the Middlewood Road stream. The stream is also full of beer cans. The Operations Manager has contacted Sherwood Homes who own the land but has not received a response from them. The tree causes hazardous conditions for the infrastructure of the tunnel. The Operations Manager has also contacted John Rose who owns the Pump House.

The Operations Manager was requested to ensure that incidents of graffiti are reported to the police with the relevant information provided and to ensure a crime number for the incident is logged and provided as part of his next report.

A link to the Town Council website for fly tipping information from Cheshire East Council (CE) will be added.

The Chair requested a progress report for Willow Close. The Operations Manager is pursuing the issue with CE.

Clumber Road; a member noted that hedges are overhanging the boundary line of properties. The Operations Manager was requested to contact residents in writing to request that hedges are cut back by residents to the boundary line to help improve the state of the area following the recent accident of an elderly resident. The Committee agreed that the general cutting back of hedges by residents across the village should be included in the communications messages.

RESOLVED: That the Operations Manager, on behalf of the Town Council, will write to residents to politely request that hedges are cut back to their boundary line following the recent accident involving an elderly resident (NC)

The Operations Manager continues to address lighting issues. Members noted that the Waitrose lights are now in working order. But that there still two lights out on Park lane and within the Shared Space zone.

Gritting; following previous discussions the Operations Manager is in the process of negotiating with CE on the gritting of Waterloo and Anson Roads. Following discussion members agreed that the Operations Manager will contact CE to suggest that Waterloo Road is gritted in place of Clifford Road.

Issues reported to the Operations Manager to be addressed:

- Dog fouling on South Park Drive, Towers Road and the upper part of Prince's Incline. The stencil will be deployed.
- London Road South past Wetherspoons; grass cuttings and soil are left after trimming the soft verges and this creates muddy conditions. The concern is that this will impact on the effectiveness of the gutters. The Operations Manager will raise the issue with CE.

The Chairman noted a request from a resident to extend double yellow lines along Brookside Avenue in relation to Vernon Primary School. The Chair informed the Committee that there is a lengthy and legal process to be followed with CE Highways in installing double yellow lines. This can take two to three years and might cost of £5,000 to £10,000.

RESOLVED: That the update for January and February 2017 from the Operations Manager is received with thanks (NC)

72. Receive and consider an update on the Hockley Park refurbishment from the Operations Manager

It was confirmed that the planned refurbishment work at Hockley Park, also reported under Item 6, is due, weather dependent, in March 2017. The Park is currently closed and will remain closed until the refurbishment work is complete.

RESOLVED: That the update on the Hockley Park refurbishment from the Operations Manager is received (NC)

73. Receive and consider information about the play equipment inspections and maintenance of Brecon and Hockley Parks from the Town Clerk

The Clerk spoke on the written report received by members about the play equipment inspections and maintenance of Brecon and Hockley Parks. The Clerk confirmed that there has been an improvement to the documentation and procedures in place.

RESOLVED: That the decision request to delegate authority to Gordon Letij, the Town Council Village Ranger, to close the park if a safety issue is identified is approved (NC)

Members discussed the decision request in relation to the operational inspection timelines and the relevant training for staff. Members agreed that the Town Council Village Ranger and the Operations Manager should attend training. However the Operations Manager noted the impact on his present role if he were to attend a two day training course which is required for the quarterly equipment checks. The committee agreed the following:

- That the Village Ranger and another member of staff should complete the training course for staff to complete weekly equipment checks.
- That Ansa are employed to complete an ad hoc operational report this year with a view to the Town Council becoming self-sufficient and a relevant member of staff attending the required training to complete the equipment checks in future.

RESOLVED: That information about the play equipment inspections and maintenance of Brecon and Hockley Parks from the Clerk is received. That the Village Ranger and another member of staff complete the training course for staff to complete weekly equipment checks. That Ansa are employed to complete an ad hoc report this year with a view to the Town Council becoming self-sufficient and a relevant member of staff attending the required training to complete the equipment checks in future (NC)

74. Receive and consider a report on the maintenance and contract for the Town Council owned street lights from the Town Clerk

The Clerk spoke on the report on the maintenance and contract for the Town Council owned street lights. The committee agreed that arrangements are made to property mark the Town Council lights so that ownership can easily be identified. Also some co-ordination is required with the reporting website of CE.

The Committee agreed the following in relation to the service provided by Allan Davis:

- That the Town Council provide a new contract for the lights in the ownership of the Town Council.
- That a contract for services, supplying goods and services is produced.
- That the contract is defined and specifies amongst other rules, the role, work, ownership of the tools, consummables, monitoring and responding to lights out and safety issues.
- That in future lights requiring replacement should be replaced with LED lights.
- That the service is provided for the lights in the ownership of the Town Council.
- That lamp posts are replaced as required.
- That a safety condition report for the 110 lights is required.

RESOLVED:

That the report on the maintenance and contract for the Town Council owned street lights from the Clerk is received. That the Town Council proceed with a new contract with Allan Davis including the actions in

relation to the new contract as stated are approved. That there is no implication of a mutuality of obligation or implied contract. That arrangements are made to properly mark the Town Council lights so that ownership can easily be identified. (NC)

The Chairman requested that the previous Town Council Christmas Lights are located for use in Higher Poynton.

75. Receive updates from the Task and Finish Groups, if available

a. Footpaths/Cycling - Village Accessibility

Cllr Berry confirmed that there was no update to receive.

b. Poynton Heritage Garden

Cllr Mrs Horsman provided the following verbal update:

- Memorial benches; some of which have been donated and some purchased.
- Plaques; have been purchased privately.
- There are continued efforts to raise sufficient funds for the project.
- The replica carriage truck is being considered.
- There has been no response from Poynton High School in the request for artwork.

Members suggested that other sources of artwork such as other High Schools or local art groups are contacted.

The Chairman confirmed that a request to SEMMMS under community work within the scheme has been submitted.

c. Visitor Economy

Members received a written report on the update on local rail stations submitted to the committee by Cllr Gorst.

RESOLVED: That the updates from the Task and Finish Groups are received (NC)

76. Consider and agree any communication messages arising from this meeting

The following communication messages arising from this meeting were agreed:

- Fly tipping
- Lights
- Trim hedges
- Hockley Park closure due to refurbishment

RESOLVED: That the communication messages as stated are approved (NC)

Meeting End Time: 9.30pm