

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8PM ON MONDAY 22nd MAY 2017 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr L Berry

Cllrs: L A Clarke, G Smith and Mrs S Horsman

1. 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 Town Clerk confirmed that the meeting is recorded for the purposes of minute taking and the recording is deleted when the draft minutes are agreed.

Urgent business SO19 (d)

It was proposed that an urgent item of business be included on the agenda due to the time-scale required.

RESOLVED: That an urgent item of business be taken under Standing Order 19(d), as item 7, for an easement of the Town Council's byelaws. (NC)

RESOLVED: To re-order the agenda to bring forward item 8 after item 4 (NC).

2. Questions from members of the public

There were no questions from members of the public.

3. Apologies for absence

Cllrs H Murray, N Wylie, Mrs S-J Gilmore, Mrs J Sewart and M Sewart.

4. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

Cllr L A Clarke declared a non pecuniary interest in item 10 as a part owner of a property on Park Lane so will leave the meeting for this item. Cllr Smith declared that his wife owns a property on Park Lane.

5. 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 27th March 2017 were approved as an accurate record (NC)

6. To receive and consider the Town Council's draft response to Cheshire East Council's Indoor Built Facilities Assessment and Strategy, and the Playing Pitch Strategy Assessment and Strategy

The Deputy Clerk explained that Cheshire East Council have recently published these four documents and spoke on the draft response prepared by Cllrs Mrs J Saunders, Mrs J Sewart and M Sewart.

RESOLVED: That the response is received and accepted as the Town Council's response to Cheshire East Council's consultation (NC)

7. Receive and consider an update for April and May 2017 from the Operations Manager

The Operations Manager spoke on the written update for April and May 2017.

The following points from the report were noted:

Park Lane

A member asked if it would be a possibility to buy and store the correct stone for Park Lane using the Town Council reserves, for use by utility contractors, in addition to Cheshire East Council buying and storing stones.

Cheshire East Highways offer to attend a Town Council meeting

A member suggested that this is the major item at the full Town Council meeting on 19th June.

Hockley Park

WREN have paid the final grant on the proviso that the Town Council install the bench and cycle racks. Cllr Murray has asked for the current bench to be relocated higher up the site.

The Operations Manager presented two quotes for this work. The costs for the concrete bases were not considered in the original bid to WREN. The Operations Manager has sought an additional quote.

RESOLVED: That the Operations Manager obtain a second like-for-like quote, including any omissions. That the decision is delegated to the Clerk and Operations Manager to approve the best quote and set the work in hand. (NC)

Inclines

The Operations Manager will obtain a quote for the installation of an access gate at the top end of Oakfield Road. The Operations Manager will ask Swift Trees to quote for their next work without and with the proposed gate access.

Street lighting

The Operations Manager confirmed that the Cheshire East Council web-site incorrectly states that certain lights on London Road North slip road and Tulworth Road are owned by the Town Council.

Barnaby Park

A Member complained that the Police are not visiting the park and that the park is frequently littered. A Member queried if residents are reporting issues to the Police. The Operations Manager confirmed that the litter is collected twice weekly from the Park and that he would take action if issues are reported to him.

The Operations Manager agreed to follow up the poor state of the electricity substation on London Road South.

Stream outside Long Row

A Member reported that it is more than half blocked. The Operations Manager confirmed that Peaks and Plains have agreed to clear the stream and will follow this up with them.

Poynton Brook

Poynton Brook, where it goes under Woodside Lane, is blocked by a shopping trolley jammed against the grating. The Operations Manager will ask the Ranger to clear this.

Former telephone exchange on London Road South

Cllr Horsman said that this needs clearing and the fence repairing. The Operations Manager confirmed he will contact BT to ask them to clear the area up, repair the fence and repaint the exchange.

Glastonbury Park

The Friends of Glastonbury Park group have been talking to Cheshire East Council about paying to put up a fence. The Clerk reported that it would cost just under £1,500 to add the locking of Glastonbury Park to the current contract which covers the locking of Hockley and Barnaby Parks, and this would not be covered by the budget of £10,000. The Operations Manager will discuss this with the Glastonbury Park group about the timing of installation of the proposed fencing and whether they can pay the Town Council to pay for the security.

Cllr Berry thanked the Operations Manager for his hard work and good relationship building with Cheshire East officers and contractors in the year he has been in post.

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

8. To note action taken under Standing Order 51 concerning the request from Poynton Rotary Club for the easement of the Town Council's byelaws governing the use of parks and open spaces in respect of the use of Poynton Park to hold the Party in the Park event on 17th June 2017.

The Clerk referred to the letter from the Poynton Show for the easement of the bye-laws for the use of Poynton Park for the Poynton Show on 26th August 2017.

RESOLVED: Note the action taken under SO 51 regarding Poynton Rotary Club's request and that approval is given to the request from Poynton Show, subject to the

usual conditions that litter is cleared and the land is reinstated to a good condition (NC).

9. To consider funding for the Heritage Garden

Councillor Horsman requested that the grant agreed to be paid after April 2017 is paid. The Clerk clarified that it was agreed at Finance and General Purposes Committee on 16th June 2016 that the amount of £3,000 be included in the budget for 2017/18 and the decision to pay this amount should go to the FIED Committee.

RESOLVED: That the grant be paid according to the budget (NC).

10. To receive and consider the emails from Dr John Shaw about Park Lane, dated 14th March 2017 and 16th March 2017.

Councillor Clarke left the meeting for this item.

A Member proposed that a task and finish group is established, inviting Dr Shaw and the owner of a shop on Park Lane who has expressed an interest in joining such a group.

There was discussion about specific problems in the Park Lane Shared Space.

The Clerk read from an email sent by Dr Shaw to Councillor Smith with apologies for not attending the Committee meeting and offering to join a committee or offer back office support.

A Member referred to the poor state of the benches on Park Lane which have not been oiled.

The Clerk confirmed that the Operations Manager is taking a strategic approach to the road repairs in the Shared Space and actively pursuing the companies responsible for specific defects.

A Member referred to the number of weeds in front of shops and in the wells around the trees.

The Operations Manager will present a detailed report to the task and finish group on the strategic work he has undertaken in relation to Park Lane.

The Clerk will invite Cheshire East Highways to attend the Town Council meeting on 19th June or following meeting. The Clerk will forward Dr Shaw's emails to all Councillors.

A member asked why the central reservations of London Road North and South are untidy. The Operations Manager stated that the road is swept daily. A Member suggested the task and finish group considers this.

A member referred to cars parking on Saturday evenings in front of shops. This will be considered by the task and finish group.

RESOLVED: A task and finish group is created with Councillors, members of the public, shopkeepers, the Operations Manager and the Town Clerk to consider the state of the road and policing in the Shared Space. To include a Councillor from FIED and from COPS.

The group will have about seven or eight members with a list of priorities.

The Clerk will formally invite Dr Shaw to join the group.

The group will produce a short report to explain the strategic work that the Town Council is carrying out.

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

a. Footpaths/Cycling - Village Accessibility – Leader Cllr L Berry

There was no update to report.

The Operations Manager informed the Committee that the Local Area Partnership Highways group has committed to paying for dropped kerbs in Willow Close.

b. Poynton Heritage Garden – Link Cllr Mrs S Horsman

Three quarters of the garden has been finished with the tubs and planters in place and planted. There has been a disappointing response to grant applications. There will be publicity and collection boxes to raise funds from the public for the large central bed, including the purchase of new railway sleepers. There will be a graffiti artist painting the library shutter. The key issue now is to obtain more funds, approximately £6,000. There is a suggestion that another bench and box should be placed along with another art work.

c. Visitor Economy – Leader Cllr C Gorst

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

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

12. To note the remit for the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee.

RESOLVED: The remit is noted (NC)

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

The following communication message arising from this meeting was agreed:

- That the Town Council has responded to Cheshire East Council's Indoor Built Facilities Assessment and Strategy, and the Playing Pitch Strategy Assessment and Strategy, with a summary on the PTC web-site

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

Meeting end time: 9.30pm