

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 22ND JUNE 2020 VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr K Booth

Cllrs: P Bailey, M Beanland, L A Clarke, S Lees (from item 6), P Oakes, L Podmore, Mrs J Saunders and Mrs J Sewart, Cllr J Waterhouse (from item 5).

Officers in attendance: H Barlow (Clerk), K McDowell (Deputy Clerk), P Cunningham (Operations Manager) and T Juss (Minute Taker)

Due to the circumstances of Covid-19 the committee membership and chairs will remain unchanged until the council members are able to meet in person. In line with the usual procedures, the Mayor does not chair meetings therefore it was agreed that this meeting will be chaired by the Vice Chair Cllr Booth.

RESOLVED: Members agreed under SO19(d) to discuss anti-social behaviour at Tip Hill as an urgent item of business following a number of complaints received by the Clerk.

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 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.

There were no other declarations.

2. Questions from members of the public

There were no questions from members of the public attendance.

3. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

4. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

Cllr Clarke declared an interest in agenda item 15 (a) and will not participate in that item of business.

Cllr Waterhouse joined the meeting.

5. Approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 3rd February 2020.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 3rd February 2020 subject to a typographic amendment, are approved (5 for, 2 abstentions)

6. Receive and consider the action log for the FIED Committee for 2020-2021.

Members reviewed the action log and the Deputy Clerk provided the available updates as follows:

Cllr Lees joined the meeting.

Insurance status of the Heritage Garden

Members noted that Cheshire East had not responded to the Town Council by the deadline of the 17th June regarding the issue of insurance at the Heritage Garden. As set out in the last email sent to Cheshire East as they own the land the Town Council will assume that the area and volunteers are covered by Cheshire East's own public liability insurance.

No Graffiti

Members considered the arrangements with No Graffiti and the Clerk explained that the Town Council Village Ranger is also able to help to remove graffiti in the village. The annual costs for No Graffiti have risen significantly and the costs on a per incident basis are charged at £80 per call plus £8 per square metre for the works.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council deploy No Graffiti for the removal of graffiti on a per incident basis was approved. That the graffiti at Deva Park is removed was agreed. That the graffiti on the shutters of shops on Park Lane is investigated was agreed (NC)

RESOLVED: That the action log for the FIED Committee for 2019-2020 and the updates are received (NC)

7. Note the following actions taken under SO51:

- a. Letter to Cheshire East regarding the suspension of the 391 and 392 bus service
- b. Email sent to Cheshire East regarding the Shared Space
- c. Submit a report to Cheshire East on Covid-19 Social Distancing on Road and Public Spaces

RESOLVED: That the actions as stated taken under SO51 are noted (NC)

8. Receive and consider the Operation Manager's report for February to mid-June 2020.

RESOLVED: That the Operation Manager's report for February to mid-June 2020 was received and approved (NC)

RESOLVED: That the hedge card design number 2, subject to an amendment to the wording, was approved (NC)

9. Receive and consider the report on the transfer of land at the Inclines and amendments to the Town Council's Inclines Policy Document.

RESOLVED: That the FIED Committee recommend the acquisition of the parcels of land as identified in the report to the Town Council was approved. That the FIED Committee recommend to the Town Council that

- The land owners are approached with an agreement 'in principal' subject to the legal costs of the transfer being covered by the existing landowners.
- The Town Council negotiate with the landowners over the possible removal of the bridge.
- Subject to the transfer of the land, Cheshire Woodland is requested to undertake a risk assessment and compile a management plan for the new parcels of land.

That the amended Inclines Policy Document is approved (NC)

10. Receive and consider a report on the purchase of Christmas Lights and a sustainable Christmas Tree.

RESOLVED: That the report on the purchase of Christmas Lights and a sustainable Christmas Tree was received. That the purchase of the Christmas Lights in principle, subject to approval of the F & GP committee was agreed. That a decision on the type of Christmas tree is postponed to a later date when further information is available was agreed (NC)

11. Receive an update on the 391 and 392 bus service.

Members received the update on the 391 and 392 bus service which recommenced with effect 22nd June 2020 with a reduced service on Saturdays. The Town Council have received significant positive feedback from residents on the reinstated bus service. Members noted that residents need to ensure good use of the bus service to ensure it can be retained.

RESOLVED: That the update on the 391 and 392 bus service is received (NC)

12. Receive and consider an update from the Clerk on TAP signage.

The Clerk provided an update on the boundary and TAP signage as follows:

Mill Hill Hollow:

Cheshire East Council have confirmed that future sign works will only be considered once funding becomes available.

London Road North:

The Clerk has received a holding email response from Cheshire East Council. The Clerk is continuing to pursue the matter with Cheshire East Council Highways with follow up correspondence and has received no further response to date.

TAP signage:

Six twinning signs in total are required. The Clerk has obtained two quotes and an indicative quote from Cheshire East Council and is in the process of seeking a formal quote from Cheshire East.

A member reported as damaged the boundary sign on Chester Road; the Clerk will follow up on this issue.

RESOLVED: That the update from the Clerk on TAP signage was received (NC)

13. Discuss the issue of the road surface on Towers Road.

The Clerk provided an update on the issue of the road surface on the un-adopted part on Towers Road and as requested by a member has investigated the potential for adoption of the road by the Town Council. The Clerk has explored the relevant guidance but as the Town Council have no legal title to the land they cannot request that the road is adopted.

RESOLVED: That the issue of the road surface on Towers Road is noted (NC)

14. Consider a report from Cllr Patrick Bailey in relation to the bus stop adjacent to 96 London Road South.

Patrick Bailey spoke to his report and the issues with the bus stop on London Road South.

RESOLVED: That the report from Cllr Patrick Bailey in relation to the bus stop adjacent to 96 London Road South is received. That the Town Council request that that Cheshire East replace the road markings, improve the condition of the bus stop to ensure that the bus stop is made safe and visible (NC)

15. Receive and consider the following issues raised by residents

Cllr Clarke left the meeting for the next item of business.

a. Closing Park Lane to Traffic on Friday and Saturday evenings

Members considered the closure of Park Lane to traffic on Friday and Saturday evenings. This suggestion has been borne out of finding ways to help local businesses recover following the impact of the national lockdown as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Members noted that there would be considerable issues and costs involved for the Town Council in relation to road management and licensing implications.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council do not pursue closing Park Lane to traffic on Friday and Saturday evenings (NC)

Cllr Clarke re-joined the meeting.

b. The state of the bus shelter on Chester Road opposite the post office

RESOLVED: That the state of the bus shelter on Chester Road opposite the post office is improved and the Village Ranger is asked to clean the bus stop as best he can bearing in mind health and safety constraints (NC)

c. Lack of benches at Brecon Park

RESOLVED: That the lack of benches at Brecon Park is referred to the Section 106 group meeting for consideration was agreed (NC)

d. AED on the Bird Estate

RESOLVED: That the Clerk writes to the developers of the land at 199 Chester Road and asks if they would be prepared to install an AED on the new estate near a footpath to the Bird Estate (NC)

16. Urgent Item of business (SO19(d) – Anti-social behaviour at Tip Hill

The Clerk informed members of the complaints received in relation to issues of anti-social behaviour and littering on Tip Hill. The CCSTeam had now spoken to the owner who has extensive plans for fencing off her land and the comprehensive plans the landowner has for the area.

RESOLVED: That the update by the Clerk on Tip Hill is received. That the CCSO's ask the High School if they can deliver the environmental and educational sessions are to pupils in Years 9 and upwards as well as younger children. That Poynton High School are approached to see whether they will arrange litter picks at Tiphill when schools reopen(NC)

17. Note the correspondence from Transport for Greater Manchester in relation to Middlewood Railway Station.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence from Transport for Greater Manchester in relation to Middlewood Railway Station is noted (NC)

18. Receive and consider the Income and Expenditure Report for Q1-4 2019/2020 and a report on the Earmarked Reserves.

The Clerk spoke on the Income and Expenditure Report for Q1-4 2019/2020 and the report on the Earmarked Reserves.

The Earmarked Reserves:

- Play Areas, £6,602, has been transferred to pay for drainage and additional works at Brecon Park.
- Allotment Maintenance, £1,500, has been transferred as previously agreed for partial payment of the shed.

The Rolling Capital Fund (RCF) has increased due to the movement of surplus funds to the RCF; these funds will be required for capital projects in relation to the Civic Hall.

A member commended the hard work of the Clerk and the staffing team as reflected in the Letting Income to date.

The Clerk explained that the F & GP committee will consider the financial details particularly the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the income more closely at the next F & GP committee meeting. Whilst there will be losses, there have been some savings such as the Summerfest and costs of PCSOs/CCSOs. There will be considerable losses in lettings and the coming year will be particularly challenging due the current economic climate.

RESOLVED: That the Income and Expenditure Report for Q1-4 2019/2020 and a report on the Earmarked Reserves was received (NC)

19. Receive a report from the following Working Groups and to consider recommendations made:

a. Flooding

Cllr Podmore reported that a multi-agency meeting has been held. Details of the work in particular gulley cleaning completed in Poynton was provided by Cheshire East, The Environment Agency and United Utilities. The Clerk was requested to share the latest flooding newsletter in the PUN and Town Council noticeboards. A member raised issues in relation to the quality of the work completed. It was noted that some of the works were disrupted due to environmental factors such as nesting birds. Further works are due to be completed in the autumn.

b. Footpaths/Cycling - Village Accessibility

Cllr Oakes reported that two meetings have been held and contact has been made with the Ramblers Association and the Cheshire East Council Footpath Officer with reports received. The Working Group are seeking permission to carry out a consultation on accessibility and active travel.

RESOLVED: That the Working Group prepare a public consultation in order to gain information to support any future bids for funding (NC)

Cllr Mrs Saunders left the meeting.

There have been no meetings held of the following Working Groups, the Clerk will arrange these meetings in the coming weeks:

- c. Shared Space
- d. S106 and Community Infrastructure Levy
- e. Civic Hall Capital Projects and Scheduled and Preventative Maintenance Working Group

RESOLVED: That the reports from the following Working Groups as stated are received (NC)

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

The following communication messages were agreed:

- Consultation regarding accessibility.
- CCSTeam to speak to the High School about litter and request permission to deliver environment talk at Poynton High School.
- The reinstatement of the Bus Service.
- Flood newsletter
- CCSTeam to use hedge cutting cards.

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

Meeting end time: 10pm

Chair.....

Dated.....