

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 1ST MARCH 2021 VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr K Booth

Cllrs: P Bailey, L A Clarke, P Oakes, L Podmore, Mrs J Saunders, Mrs J Sewart and J Waterhouse

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

76. 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 when the draft minutes are agreed.

There were no other declarations.

77. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

78. Apologies for absence

Cllr S Lees.

79. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

Cllr Clarke declared an interest in agenda item 18 and Cllr Podmore declared an interest in agenda item 22(b); the councillors will not participate in those items of business.

80. Approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 19th January 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 19th January 2021 are approved (NC)

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

RESOLVED: That the action log for the FIED Committee for 2020-2021 was received (NC)

82. Note the following actions taken under SO51:

Members noted the following actions taken under SO51:

- a. Response to Cheshire East Parking Consultation.
- b. Change of Membership to the Civic Hall Capital Projects and Schedule Maintenance Working Group.

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

83. Receive an update from the Operations Manager on the proposal to plant an Orchard at Brecon Park.

The Operations Manager provided an update on the proposal to plant an Orchard at Brecon Park; details as included in the Operation Manager's written report for December 2020 – Mid February 2021. The Operations Manager is taking advice and liaising with the Head Ranger on the best location to place the trees at Brecon Park.

Members agreed that the opinion of neighbouring residential properties should be canvassed regarding the tree planting.

RESOLVED: That the update from the Operations Manager on the proposal to plant an Orchard at Brecon Park was received. That the Town Council consult with the immediate neighbours and on the basis that the outcome is positive then the Town Council can proceed with the tree planting was agreed. That a leaflet drop asking for a response no later than next Friday 12th March 2021 is was agreed (NC)

84. Receive and consider the tree assessment for Brecon Park and to agree a timescale for the work.

The Clerk spoke on the tree assessment report for Brecon Park as received by members. Members considered the findings in the report and noted the recommended actions. It was agreed that the Operations Manager should write to the resident who owns the ash tree identified as T3 to inform them that the tree has been infected by ash die back and that action should be taken to address the issue.

RESOLVED: That the tree assessment for Brecon Park was received. That the actions from the risk assessment should be carried out and the resident should be contacted about the ash dieback (NC)

85. Receive and consider the Operation Manager's report for December 2020 – Mid February 2021.

The Operation Manager spoke on the written report for December 2020 – Mid February 2021. Members considered the report.

Tree Work on the inclines

As noted in the Operation Manager's report, obtaining three quotes to complete the required work has proved very difficult as there are only a handful of companies locally willing to do this work. Members agreed to waive the financial regulations on the basis that it has not be possible to obtain three quotes and the contract is awarded to Swift Tree Services at a cost of £2195.00+VAT.

RESOLVED: That report on the tree work on the inclines was received. That the Town Council waive the financial regulations to obtain three quotes on the basis that it has only been possible to obtain two quotes. It was agreed that the contract for the above work is awarded to Swift Tree Services at a cost of £2195.00+VAT (NC)

Damaged village fencing and wall

Members considered the issues with fencing and one with a wall as stated in the Operation Manager's report. The following actions were agreed:

1. Middlewood Road next to stream: to be raised with Cheshire East Council.
2. Park Lane at Clayton Cottages: to be raised with Cheshire East Council.
3. Yew Tree Lane next to the stream: to be raised with Cheshire East Council.
4. Towers Road at the junction of Princes Incline: the Town Council handyman to repair the fence.
5. Park Lane Wall opposite delivery entrance to Waitrose: raise with the manager of Waitrose the issue of the turntable for lorries. Pursue the matter of the wall repair with Cheshire East Council.

RESOLVED: That the actions regarding the damaged village fencing and wall as stated were agreed (NC)

Inclines land adoption and removal of bridge

The quotation for the bridge work was noted. Jones Homes should be approached to undertake this work as part of the transfer of the land to the Town Council.

Street furniture refurbishment and uplighter replacement.

Members considered the report from the Operations Manager on street furniture refurbishment and uplighter replacement. Members noted the significant costs in undertaking the repairs.

RESOLVED: That the report on street furniture refurbishment and uplighter replacement was received. That the Town Council raise the matter with the Cheshire East Council Property Highways Department to discuss what works can be done by the Town Council and what permissions would be required. (NC)

Members noted this was the final meeting for the Operations Manager, Phil Cunningham who is retiring at the end of this month. Members commended the Operations Manager's

service and hard work to the Town Council over the last 5 years and for significantly developing the role.

RESOLVED: That the Operation Manager's report for December 2020 – Mid February 2021 was received. That the Town Council express their thanks to Phil Cunningham, Operations Manager, for service and hard work to the Town Council over the last 5 years and for significantly developing the role itself was agreed (NC)

86. Receive and agree the response to the Cheshire East consultation on transport and the Accessibility Master Plan for Poynton and to agree to approach Graham, the relief road contractors, with a request for supporting accessibility improvements on the Poynton Round.

Members considered the Cheshire East consultation on transport and the Accessibility Master Plan for Poynton. The Clerk spoke on Poynton's Accessibility Masterplan (Project proposals – Walking, Cycling and Jogging) and on approaching Graham, the relief road contractors, with a request for supporting accessibility improvements on the Poynton Round.

Members agreed that it needs to be understood how the development proposals link in with the existing and new by-passes.

RESOLVED: That the Cheshire East consultation on transport and the Accessibility Master Plan for Poynton was received. That the Poynton Accessibility Masterplan was received and approved. The Clerk approach Graham, the relief road contractors, with a request for supporting accessibility improvements on the Poynton Round (NC)

87. Consider supporting the proposal from Cath Birchell, Disley Parish Council, regarding a cycleway from Disley to Poynton.

Members considered the proposal from Cath Birchell, Disley Parish Council, regarding a cycleway from Disley to Poynton.

RESOLVED: That the proposal from Cath Birchell, Disley Parish Council, regarding a cycleway from Disley to Poynton was received. That the Town Council write to Disley Parish Council stating that Cllr Mrs Saunders and this committee support the proposal for the cycleway from Disley to Poynton, subject to Option 1 joining the Middlewood Way rather than the using the route onto the canal (NC)

88. Consider a report from the Chair on two additional AEDs and the request for the CCS Team to add them to their weekly checks.

The Chair provided a verbal report on two additional AEDs and the request for the CCS Team to add them to their weekly checks. The Chair explained that a local resident has raised money for the two AEDs. The Town Council have identified suitable locations.

RESOLVED: That the verbal report from the Chair on two additional AEDs and the request for the CCS Team to add them to their weekly checks was received and approved (NC)

89. Note the response to the Clerk from Cheshire East in relation to Shared Space and the Academy of Urbanism Awards.

RESOLVED: That the response to the Clerk from Cheshire East in relation to Shared Space and the Academy of Urbanism Awards was noted. The Clerk was asked to respond to the letter indicating that the Town Council would support the 7.5 tonne weight limit on the main roads through Poynton including London Road North and South, Chester Road and Park Lane was approved (NC)

90. Consider the lease of land adjacent to the Anson Engine Museum.

Members considered the report on the lease of land adjacent to the Anson Engine Museum.

RESOLVED: That the report on the lease of land adjacent to the Anson Engine Museum was received. That the committee recommend to Town Council that it acquires the lease of the land. That the Clerk obtains quotes for the appointment of legal representation and make enquiries about change of use with the planning department was agreed. The Committee recommends to the Town Council that the purchase of the leasehold is funded from the Village Improvement Earmarked Reserve (NC)

91. Note the correspondence received from Network Rail in relation to night time working at Hope Green.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence received from Network Rail in relation to night time working at Hope Green was noted (NC)

92. Receive a report from the Clerk on the new Town Improvement Working Group and to agree a remit and membership of the Working Group.

Members reviewed the report from the Clerk on the new Town Improvement Working Group and the remit and membership of the Working Group.

RESOLVED: That the report from the Clerk on the new Town Improvement Working Group was received. That the remit of the Working Group was received and approved. That the membership of the Working Group comprising Cllrs Booth, Lees, Podmore, Oakes, Mrs Sewart, Waterhouse, Bailey including external advisors as required was approved. That the arrangements of the Working Group are reviewed in 12 months' time was agreed (7 for, 1 abstention)

Cllr Clarke withdrew for the next item of business.

93. Consider a report from the Clerk on the empty commercial properties on Park Lane and agree the recommendations contained therein.

The Clerk spoke on the report regarding the empty commercial properties on Park Lane. Members agreed that the Clerk should approach the property owners.

RESOLVED: That the report from the Clerk on the empty commercial properties on Park Lane was received. That on behalf of the Town Council the Clerk contacts the owners of the vacant shops to raise the concerns of the Town Council and enquire about their intentions of the empty property was agreed (7 for, 1 abstention)

Cllr Clarke re-joined the meeting.

94. Receive and consider a verbal update from the Clerk on the planting and maintenance of flower beds at the Civic Hall, London Road North and Burton Drive.

The Clerk provided a verbal update on the planting and maintenance of flower beds at the Civic Hall, London Road North and Burton Drive. The Clerk informed members of the meeting that is due to be held with volunteers from the Baptist Church. A planting plan has been provided and prices will need to be obtained to bid for S106 funding. The planting and maintenance of the flowers beds continues to be monitored.

RESOLVED: That the verbal update from the Clerk on the planting and maintenance of flower beds at the Civic Hall, London Road North and Burton Drive was received (NC)

95. Receive a verbal update from the Clerk on Twinning Association signs.

The Clerk provided a verbal update from the Clerk on Twinning Association signs and informed members of the response from Cheshire East Council which states significant costs to replace the Twinning Associations signs.

RESOLVED: That the verbal update from the Clerk on Twinning Association signs was received. That the current road signs remain as they are was agreed (NC)

96. Receive and consider the Income and Expenditure Report for Q1-Q3.

The Clerk spoke on the Income and Expenditure Report for Q1-Q3. Members were informed that the entry 302 was coded incorrectly and this will be amended.

RESOLVED: That the Income and Expenditure Report for Q1-Q3 was received (NC)

97. Receive a verbal report from:

a. Village Improvement Working Groups.

This working group would report to committee after its first meeting.

Cllr Podmore withdrew from the next item of business

b. Civic Hall Capital Projects and Scheduled and Preventative Maintenance Working Group.
The Clerk informed members that further quotes for consultants have been obtained. Also, Cheshire East Council have provided information that they may be able to assist with appointing consultants; the Deputy Clerk will review the details.

RESOLVED: That the verbal reports from the Working Groups was received (7 for 1 abstention)

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

The following communication messages were agreed:

- Development of the Orchard at Brecon Park.
- Actions regarding the empty premises on Park Lane.

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

Meeting end time: 10pm

Chair.....

Dated.....