

RECREATION AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

6th July 2021

Present: Chairman: Councillor Giraud-Saunders
Mayor: Councillor Gay

Councillors:	Britten	Brown	Corbett
	Gay	Greenwood	Ormerod
	Pennington	Rose	Stevens
	Wallis	Wooldridge	

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk
Jan Rendle, Committee Clerk

Members of the Public: Four

125. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th June 2021, having been circulated to all members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

126. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Stevens.

127. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Wallis declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 134, as a friend of the applicant.

128. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were four members of the public present.
Members were asked what could be done about antisocial behaviour, as the Police were already patrolling known problem areas. This was discussed separately under item 136, and residents encouraged to report any incidents to the Police.

129. FOR INFORMATION – GREEN LANE FOOTBALL FACILITY

The report was received and noted, with officers clarifying contract details to members.

130. FOR INFORMATION – MARKET OPERATION REPORT

Members acknowledged the work that had gone into keeping the markets going during recent difficult times and were pleased to note that the overall trading situation is improving. Officers reiterated that any plans for the markets will be contingent on the future of the Shambles.

131. FOR DECISION – OPERATIONAL POLICY REVIEWS

It was proposed by Councillor Rose, seconded by Councillor Wallis and AGREED

THAT a working party would be established, consisting of Councillors Rose, Greenwood, Brown, Wallis and Pennington, to review those corporate governance policies under the remit of the Recreation & Properties Committee, and subsequently to report back to Committee.

132. FOR DECISION – ROUNDWAY HOSPITAL BURIAL GROUND

Councillor Wooldridge proposed, was seconded by Councillor Greenwood and it was AGREED

THAT a working party of two Guardians, two Conservatives and an Independent member would be formed, namely Councillors Wooldridge, Greenwood, Gay, Brown and Stevens, to work with other stakeholders to consider how best to recognise the former Roundway Hospital Cemetery.

133. FOR DECISION – PERMISSION TO TRADE ON THE GREEN

Councillor Corbett proposed, was seconded by Councillor Wallis and it was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the arrangement would continue, with a commitment by Mr Messenger to clear all litter within a 50 metre radius of his mobile refreshment facility, to be reviewed on an annual basis and ended by mutual agreement.

134. FOR DECISION – REFRESHMENT VENDING CABIN IN THE MARKET PLACE

Members expressed concern about the appropriateness of such a facility in a key site within the Conservation Area, in competition with existing businesses. It was further acknowledged that it would be inappropriate to make any commitment until any future plans for the Shambles and the Market Place were established.

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It was proposed by Councillor Corbett, seconded by Councillor Greenwood and AGREED

THAT consideration of this request would be held in abeyance until a more suitable time.

135. FOR DECISION – QUAKERS WALK BIODIVERSITY PLAN

Councillor Giraud-Saunders proposed, was seconded by Councillor Wallis and it was AGREED

THAT the Committee was very satisfied with the biodiversity plan at Quakers Walk and was content to continue the implementation of the project.

136. FOR DECISION – ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ON COUNCIL PROPERTY

Councillor Britten reported that antisocial behaviour at Keepers Road play area had been greatly improved following discussions with PC Emily Grigor, and the involvement of local residents.

There was concern that there were issues arising in Broadleas Woods and other Town Council sites.

It was proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Greenwood and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT CCTV surveillance equipment should be obtained to improve security at Hillworth Park.

137. FOR DECISION – CATERING POLICY EXEMPTION

Councillor Wallis proposed, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and it was AGREED

THAT the Committee agrees an exemption criterion to authorise officers to go outside the Council's catering policy if necessary to fulfil a booking, until the policy is reviewed later in the year.

138. FOR DECISION – LAYOUT CHANGES TO CHILDREN'S BURIAL AREA IN DEVIZES CEMETERY

It was proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Corbett and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the Committee agrees to a change to the agreed layout of the area by removing the gravel surface and re-seeding with grass, but to be managed on a biodiverse rather than formal basis.

139. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

140. PROCEDURE: CONFIDENTIALITY OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

It was proposed by Councillor Giraud-Saunders, seconded by Councillor Greenwood and agreed

THAT In view of the confidential nature of the remaining exempt items of business to be considered, this is dealt with In Committee in the absence of the press and members of the public.

CHAIRMAN