

RECREATION AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

17th August 2021

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

Councillors: Britten Brown Corbett
 Gay Greenwood Rose
 Stevens Wallis Wooldridge

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

Members of the Public: Two

204. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th July 2021, having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

205. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Pennington and Ormerod.

206. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were none.

207. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were two members of the public present, including the press.

208. FOR INFORMATION – DREWS POND WOOD PROJECT

The committee received and noted the report.

209. FOR INFORMATION – PARK CAFÉ PERFORMANCE & MARKETING UPDATE

Officers noted that Café costs and wastage had been stripped back, but that the lack of the usual summer events in the Park due to Covid restrictions had inevitably had a negative impact on income.

Members were advised that the minutes from the forthcoming Hillworth Park steering group meeting would be forwarded to Councillors for information.

210. FOR DECISION – INITIAL VENUES WORKING PARTY OUTCOMES

The minutes of the initial Venues working party meeting had been circulated without comment, but questions were raised at this meeting about their accuracy. Members were reminded that working party minutes should be checked prior to being submitted to the full Committee for further action.

It was proposed by Councillor Wallis and seconded by Councillor Greenwood

THAT the Venues recommendations should be revisited by the working party, for greater clarification on the decision made.

A vote showed five in favour with five abstentions, and the proposal was AGREED.

Since this meeting the working party notes have been recirculated for comments but no corrections have been offered.

211. FOR DECISION – COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY PROJECTS

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

THAT the Committee accepts the recommendation to develop a strategy and service level standard for increasing biodiversity within Town Council-maintained open spaces, and that this should be passed to the Sustainability working party to progress.

212. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members.

213. PROCEDURE: CONFIDENTIALITY OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

It was proposed by Councillor Giraud-Saunders, seconded by Councillor Rose 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