

RECREATION AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

28th September 2021

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

Councillors: Britten Corbett Gay
Greenwood Pennington Stevens
Wallis Wooldridge

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

Members of the Public: four

251. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th August 2021, having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

252. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Brown, Ormerod and Rose.

253. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Wallis declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 257 as a volunteer at the Fulltone Festival. Councillor Greenwood also declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 257 as an acquaintance of the Fulltone organisers.

254. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were four members of the public present.

255. FOR INFORMATION – PARK CAFÉ PERFORMANCE

Officers were asked to circulate minutes of the recent Hillworth Park working party meeting, as previously indicated.

256. FOR DECISION – POLICY FOR ADVERTISING ON THE GREENS

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

THAT the Committee adopts the draft policy, with an amendment to increase the time limit for signs to be removed after an event from 24 hours to within seven days.

257. FOR DECISION — FULLTONE FESTIVAL BOOKING FOR THE GREEN

Councillors commented that the Fulltone Festival was a good event for the town, adding to Devizes' reputation for the arts and promoting local performers. Some complaints had been made about the closure of the public footpath, although Wiltshire Council was satisfied with the mitigation in place. It was confirmed that future events would include signage to confirm that people would be escorted across the path if required. There was also some concern that this was a ticketed event, benefitting from free use of the Green; Councillors were advised that this was intended to be self-funding via ticket sales and a not-for-profit event.

After some discussion it was proposed by Councillor Corbett, seconded by Councillor Britten and AGREED

THAT the Committee was content for the Fulltone Festival to use the Green as the 2022 event venue, subject to seeing the audited accounts to verify its status as a not-for-profit event; and provided that Wiltshire Council is satisfied that the path is closed and pedestrians escorted across as required.

258. FOR DECISION – TREES WORKING PARTY RECOMMENDATIONS

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

THAT the Committee agreed the recommendations of the Trees Working Party, noting that this was a fitting way to honour the late Councillor Parsons, who had been an enthusiastic supporter of this initiative.

259. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members.

260. PROCEDURE: CONFIDENTIALITY OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

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