

RECREATION AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

1st March 2022

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

Councillors: Britten Brown Corbett
 Pennington Rose Stevens
 Wallis Wooldridge

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk
 Elanor Oddy, Office Manager

Members of the Public: Yes

514. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th January 2022, having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

515. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Greenwood and Ormerod.

516. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were none.

517. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present. Mr Geoff Baker from the Wiltshire Gazette and Herald was in attendance.

518. FOR INFORMATION – PARK CAFÉ PERFORMANCE

The report was received and noted. Members were advised that the Hillworth Park working party would meet imminently to discuss future events.

519. FOR INFORMATION – VENUES INCOME PERFORMANCE

The committee received and noted the report.

520. FOR INFORMATION – MARKET MANAGER’S UPDATE

The report was received and noted.

521. FOR INFORMATION – ROUNDWAY HOSPITAL CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

The report was received and noted.

522. FOR INFORMATION – STORM EUNICE

Members congratulated the Drews Pond Wood Project group on the work undertaken there following the storm damage.

523. FOR DECISION – TOWN COUNCIL-LED EVENTS

All Councillors were encouraged to put forward ideas for future events, noting that it was for members to suggest events which officers would then pursue.

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

THAT The Committee agrees the guiding principles for Council-led events, as suggested by the Venues working party; and further, should the initiative prove successful, consideration could be given to employing a further member of staff.

524. FOR DECISION – JUBILEE TREE IN THE MARKET PLACE

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

THAT A mature tree should be planted in Hillworth Park to replace the one lost during the recent storm, and approximately five large potted flowering cherries be placed in the Market Place.

525. FOR DECISION – DEVIZES PLAY AREAS

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

THAT The Committee accepts officers' recommendations to set up a consultation programme on the play areas at Wadworth Road, Festival Close and Cowslip Close, to be reviewed at a future meeting; and further that Councillors Houlton and Wooldridge be co-opted to the Hillworth Park working party, which would establish a longer-term strategy for all other play areas.

526. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members.

527. 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