

## DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018, in the Old Fire Station Community Room, 37 High Street, Brackley.

Present: Chair Cllr Sharps, Cllr Cartmell, Tiller, Stimpson, Thompson, Waldron, E Wiltshire

Also Present: Cllrs Bagot-Webb and Waldron

Officers: Town Clerk (L Carter) and RFO (A Moses)

### **487/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Baker, Barrie and Broomfield,

### **488/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

### **489/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

### **490/17 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On the proposition of Cllr E Wiltshire it was **RESOLVED** to:

Receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.

### **491/17 BRACKLEY YOUTH STRATEGY FORUM**

Edward Frape Community Development Partner at SNC and Iain Anderson presented to the Council to introduce the strategy group and its activities. Its next meeting is on the 21<sup>st</sup> February at 1.30 in the Old Fire Station and Councillors were invited to attend if they had a particular interest. Mr Frape said that the Group is looking to set up a Community Interest Organisation and asked if there was a Councillor willing to represent the Town Council as a Trustee on that body.

The issue of a member of the Council becoming a trustee would be discussed as an agenda item at the next full Council meeting.

### **492/17 MEMBERS REPORTS**

None

### **493/17 CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Mr Justin Smith from Cemetery Development Services presented to the committee regarding the charging of Brackley Cemetery. This was not an exercise in making money, but more that the cemetery should not cost the residents to maintain the area through the precept.

The Committee thanked Mr Smith for attending the meeting and the Committee takes note of the comments made.

### **494/17 NOTES – CEMETERY & ALLOTMENTS WORKING PARTY**

The notes of the last meeting of the Cemetery & Allotments Working Party on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 are attached. The meeting was not quorate, but the group asked that the information that they received regarding cemetery costs be made available for this meeting.

Cllr Bagot-Webb gave an overview to the Committee regarding discussion that had been held at the Cemetery Working Party. Cllr Bagot-Webb felt that with the Maintenance/repairs of £2353.07 should be taken out of the calculation of the cost of the cemetery.

Cllr Bagot-Webb reported that at the Working Party, it was suggested that the small outer hedge be removed to create a parking area on the outside of the cemetery.

After some discussion it was suggested that the outer hedge should remain and that parking should be created inside the cemetery as part of the extension and improvement programme. Several options for improved layouts were being worked on and would be brought to the committee when available.

**495/17 RECOMMENDATION TO FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE**

To make a recommendation to the Finance & Policy Committee regarding future cemetery charges for its consideration in determining the charging policy for the coming year.

On the proposition of Cllr Morrell it was **RESOLVED** that:

The charges levied on the cemetery should ensure that the it breaks even in cost terms.

**496/17 SKATE PARK UPDATE**

The Clerk provided a verbal update in relation to recent correspondence. There would be a meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March for the Skateboard Project Board to meet with Park Leisure to see what assurances are required and what land is available so that designs can be considered.

**497/17 LAND TO REAR OF BANBURY ROAD**

On the proposition of Cllr Stimpson it was **RESOLVED** to:

Approve the licensing of this land, apportioned to each of the three properties, on an annual basis (similar to those granted to some residents of Blenheim Croft in relation to land on the Barrel Line).

**498/17 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR INFORMATION**

The Clerk reported a pre application meeting for the Youth Building on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

The Council extended its thanks to Cllr Tiller for the work at St James' Lake, preparing hibernacula and refugia for the reptiles that will be displaced by the new development in the area. Cllr Tiller gathered a group of volunteers to carry out the work and had done a great job.

The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Brackley Rotary Club for the donation of three trees which have been planted at Tudor Park.

Meeting closed: 20.50

Dated:

Chair: