

Minutes of the **Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee** held on **Monday 16 March 2020**, in the Civic Hall, Brackley Town Hall.

Present: Cllrs Baker, Bagot-Webb (ex-officio), Cartmell, Sharps, Thompson, Tiller, Waldron and E Wiltshire

Officers: Town Clerk (A Moses) and Deputy Town Clerk (K Hale)

552/19 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Butler, Kew, Stimpson and Thompson.

553/19 Declaration of interest

None.

554/19 Public participation

None.

555/19 Approval of minutes

On the proposition of Cllr Cartmell, it was **RESOLVED** to:

approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 17 February 2020.

556/19 Working Party Minutes

Members received the minutes of the Open Spaces Working Party meeting held on 24 February 2020.

RECOMMENDATION: Purchase of a simple croquet set and installation of "hoops" in Town Park at a cost of circa £350.

On the proposition of Cllr Cartmell, it was **RESOLVED** for this recommendation to go back to the Open Spaces Working Party to investigate a further play area in Brackley Town Park, not necessarily croquet.

RECOMMENDATION: To accept the quote to carry out the repairs to the Pocket Park bridge.

On the proposition of Cllr Sharps, it was **RESOLVED** to not accept this recommendation but for it to go back to the Open Spaces Working Party for further investigation and compile a business case to SNC to get funding.

RECOMMENDATION: To accept the quote and basic design for metal entrance fencing for St James Lake.

On the proposition of Cllr Sharps, it was **RESOLVED** to accept in principle an entrance gate at St James Lake but for the recommendation to go back to the Open Spaces Working Party to investigate a different design of gate

On the proposition of Cllr Waldron, it was **RESOLVED** to accept the **RECOMMENDATION** to implement a scheme allowing residents to pay for trees to be planted on council ground to offset their carbon emissions and improve Brackley's Bio Diversity.

557/19 Collaboration with the Wildlife Trust

On the proposition of Cllr Cartmell, it was **RESOLVED** to:

accept the **RECCOMENDATION** to adopt the Brackley Wildlife Trusts report and work with the trust to implement the plan.

558/19 Matters for information or discussion

Open Spaces Working Party looked at the Town Park and as the equipment is now over 10 years old can the Open Spaces Working Party look at replacing this.

Deputy Town Clerk gave members an update on the Brackley Park Wall.

Coronavirus – Town Clerk informed councillors that there are groups being set up around the town to help those that are self-isolating.

Meeting closed at 20:00

Signed:

Dated: