

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the **Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee** to be held on **Monday 21 December 2015**, in the Upper Hall, Town Hall, immediately following the meeting of the Planning & General Works Committee.

Dated: 16th December 2015



Town Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
AGENDA

389/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

390/15 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda, **and the nature of that interest**, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, and Brackley Town Council's Code of Conduct.

391/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This section of the meeting gives members of the public who are present an opportunity to speak. You may speak on any item which appears on the agenda for this evening's meeting.

Please state your name and address before asking your question.

392/15 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members are asked to receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 16th November 2015.

393/15 MEMBERS REPORTS

None received.

394/15 PARTS FOR ZIP WIRE AT HUMPHRIES DRIVE

On 6th October 2015 (minute 277/15 refers) Members discussed the quote for the replacement parts for the zip wire and felt that they should be replaced free of charge under the Sale of Goods Act. Subsequently it was discovered that this Act had been replaced and the time frames revised. However, Sutcliffe Play was contacted and asked to consider a considerable reduction.

A response has been received (circulated to all Council members) offering a 28% reduction in the cost of the parts. Funding is available from the repairs budget.

Members are asked to decide if they are minded to proceed.

395/15 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PLAY SPACES WORKING PARTY

There are two recommendations from the Play Spaces Working Party in relation to improvement to existing Play Areas, to be funded from the Open Spaces Reserve

- 1) RECOMMENDATION to the Direct Responsibilities & General Purposes Committee that Wicksteed be asked to install the Viking swing and associated wetpour at Egerton Playing Field at a cost of £6096 plus VAT and that Les Hawkins be asked to supply and install the fence and gate, providing that the gate is self closing, at a cost of £3300 plus VAT.**
- 2) RECOMMENDATION to the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee that Notts Sport Synthetic Playground Surfacing be asked to undertake the improvement works to the goal mouth at Humphries Drive open space, using Bingham Ground Services, at a cost of £7247.88 plus VAT**

396/15 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR INFORMATION

The Finance Officer has submitted an application to Tesco's Local Community Grants Scheme, to provide benches, picnic benches and interpretation panels at St James Lake. If the project is selected, customers in each of the 26 regions will be asked to vote for the favourite local project, with the three winners awarded £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 respectively.

DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 16 November 2015, in the Upper Hall, Town Hall, Brackley.

Present: Councillor Elaine Wiltshire (Vice Chair)
Councillors Baker, Barrie, Ross, Sharps, Stimpson, Thompson and Waldron

In attendance: Councillors Butler, Morrell, Ross, Rawlinson and P Wiltshire

Officers: Town Clerk (Linda Carter), Finance & Development Officer (Alison Moses) and Communications Support Officer (Stephanie Lloyd-Berry)

340/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from: Councillors Bagot-Webb and Cartmell

341/15 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

342/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

343/15 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the proposition of Cllr Baker it was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Monday 19 October 2015 be approved as a correct record.

344/15 MEMBERS REPORTS

None received.

345/15 LANDSCAPE SURVEYOR FOR CENTRAL PARK, RADSTONE FIELDS

Following discussions at the last meeting, a quotation had been obtained from Quartet Designs for monitoring the construction, and post completion, of the Central Park at Radstone Fields. The fee, amounting to £4,900, which provides for 20 visits during construction and 8 visits post practical completion, would be met by the developers.

Members were asked to decide if they wish to proceed.

After brief discussion, Members agreed to accept the quotation received from Quartet Designs of £4,900.

346/15 PROGRESS REPORT ON TREE WORKS

Following the completion of the tree survey, Town Council grounds men had completed all the specified work which was within their capabilities.

Two applications have been made for works to trees within the Conservation Area: one was for the removal of a cypress tree within the United Reform Burial Ground on Banbury Road, and the second was for works to trees in Brackley Park. Some of this work was to accommodate the building works to the Fire Station and the remainder is to prune trees for safety reasons, which are overhanging Pebble Lane and The Croft.

There were a number of trees, close to properties, which we were advised to remove. These are in:

Valley Road open space – two sycamores to be removed and a field maple to be open pollarded

Hadrian's Gate open space – one lime tree to be removed

Humphries Drive – one ash to be removed

Quotations have been provided for these works, which can be achieved within the current year's budget.

All Members present agreed to carry out the work at the earliest opportunity.

347/15 DOG FOULING AT ST JAMES LAKE

A letter has been received from a resident concerned at the extent of dog fouling at St James Lake. There is a request to the Council to consider advising owners that dogs MUST be on a lead, and setting aside a fenced dog exercise area. This would require the Council to use the proscribed procedure for Dog Control orders under section 57 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

Members were asked for their views.

A discussion took place as to the merits of work required to impose a Dog Control Order, CCTV and the possibility of a Dog Warden for the Town. All suggestions were discarded due to cost and enforcement.

It was agreed that BTC consult with Local Authority Dog Warden requesting more frequent visits to the worst areas of Brackley and impose more fines for those dog owners who do not clear up after their pets.

A targeted campaign concerning dog fouling via local social media pages, Town Talk and BTC website would be planned for the future.

348/15 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR INFORMATION

BTC had been invited to send a representative to a Showcase Event of work of Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs on 25th November at Sponne Hall, Towcester. Councillor Baker would attend with the Clerk.

Meeting closed at: 7.43pm

Chairman

Date: