

Minutes of the **Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee** held on **Monday 20 July 2020** online via Zoom, meeting ID 547 754 4440

Present: Cllrs Baker, Butler, Cartmell, Kew, Sharps, Stimpson, Thompson, Tiller, Waldron and E Wiltshire

Officers: Town Clerk (A Moses), Deputy Town Clerk (K Hale) and Operations Manager (M Stopps)

**90/20 Election of Chairman**

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

elect Cllr Jason Kew as Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

**91/20 Election of Vice Chairman**

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

To elect Cllr Sue Sharps as Vice Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

**92/20 Apologies for absence**

None.

**93/20 Declaration of interest**

None.

**94/20 Public participation**

None.

**95/20 Approval of minutes**

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

receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 15 June 2020.

**96/20 Working Party Minutes**

There have been no working party meetings.

**97/20 Bridgewater Open Spaces – no ball games**

A request has been received from a resident in Bridgewater to have a no ball game sign installed at the Ellesmere open space.

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

not install a no ball games sign but BTC will install a “respect the residents” sign.

**98/20 ROSPA Report and update**

Members noted the report and update.

**99/20 Running Track Report**

Report and costing for installation of the running track was submitted to members.

After investigation and discussion, members agreed that this was not viable at this time.

**100/20 Tractor update**

Members noted and agreed the change of name and colour for the tractor that had previously been agreed under agenda item 32/20.

**101/20 Member's Report**

Cllr Tiller - Hibernacula and habitat Project St James Lake update as emailed.

The area has now been taken off the mowing contract and will be carefully monitored. We are expecting a donation from the Wildlife Trust of whip trees and these may be planted there.

**102/20 Matters for information or discussion**

Bellway children's play area has had a negative press in the last week about why it is not open. All complainants should be directed to Bellway and as soon as it is fit for purpose, the council will have it inspected and take it over.

Operations Manager is attending regular meetings with developer.

**103/20 Exclusion of Press and Public**

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

in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press is excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the item set out below on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the general interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**104/20 Bridge Report**

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

Proceed with part of the recommendation contained in the report and undertake the in-depth survey.

Meeting closed at: 20:01

Signed:

**APPROVED**

Dated: 20/10/20