

PETERSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Grounds Committee held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Petersfield, on Thursday 11th October 2018 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs L Farrow (Chairman), Cllr J Deane, Cllr J Matthews, Cllr Ms M Vincent and Cllr C Wilton

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr N Hitch (Town Clerk), Mr S Field (Office and Committees Manager), and Mr D Budd (Senior Groundsman) and Cllr P Strawbridge. There was 1 members of the public and 1 member of the press.

G 0356 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting on another pleasant autumnal evening. She expressed her disappointment that Petersfield Post had carried an article on Anti Social Behaviour from the last Grounds Meeting, which had suggested that the Council were overstating the problem, due to the amount of Anti Social Behaviour being reported to the Police. The Chairman wished it to be noted that in many instances the Town Council had to handle and fund the results of Anti Social Behaviour that were potentially not reported to the Police, and therefore the levels of Anti Social Behaviour reported to them would be lower.

G 0357 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs V Morgans.

G 0358 DISPENSATION UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT (2011)

No requests for dispensation were received.

G 0359 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

G 0360 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Grounds Committee held on 13th September 2018 be received and approved

G 0361 PUBLIC REPRESENTATION

There was no public representation

G 0362 GROUNDS REPORT

Members received and noted the Grounds Report for October 2018 from the Senior Groundsman. (*appendix A*).

The Senior Groundsman shared that the grounds team would be hiring the flail during November to work on areas around the Cricket Ground and barrows, and also carry out some tree thinning during November as per the Heath Management Plan.

It was also noted that the Roundabout in the Children's Play area on the Heath should be replaced by the end of October.

It was reported that Anti Social Behaviour had eased off, but was still at high levels in Love Lane and the Avenue. Toilets at the Avenue were currently permanently closed as requested by the Police, and access was only granted to those who hired the outside facilities there.

Members asked about the area on the Heath near to where the old Tennis Courts had been, where there had been reports of drug activity taking place. It was reported that whilst there had been some decrease, activities were still evident. This area would be cleared and new benches put into place to deter such activities in the future.

Members shared that Bell Hill was still seeing unprecedented levels of Anti Social Behaviour. On one occasion, a group 35-40 young people had to be dispersed by the Police.

A member of the public had thanked the Town Council for the replacement of the bridge across the stream at Bell Hill.

The replacement of the Woods Meadow play area was now well under way, and members were asked to consider whether they wanted to put on a special event to officially re-open the play area. Generally it was felt that some form of official opening event should take place.

It was noted that the Taro Fair had taken place, with poor weather on the Saturday. Sunday, however, had been a brighter and dryer day.

G 0363

BUDGET ITEMS FOR 2019-2020

Members discussed potential requirements for the budget year 2019-2020, and it was

RESOLVED: **that the following be included within the first draft budget 2019-2020**

- That a bid for £20,000 be made towards gating and fencing for the Heath and new Causeway open space site
- That a bid for £5,000 be made towards a larger Taro event in 2019
- That a bid for £10,000 be made towards car park security

- That a bid for £10,000 be made towards the Heath Management Plan
- That a bid for £60,000 be made towards the Pond Bank Stabilisation
- That a bid for £20,000 be made toward improvement and replacement of play areas
- That a bid for £75,000 be made towards equipment and depot
- That a bid for £5,000 be made towards the WW1 tree memorial

An idea for the WW1 tree memorial was discussed at this stage, which would see a planting of 4 groups of trees representing the four seasons in the North East area of the main Bell Hill Recreation Ground area, next to Bell Hill.

G 0364 **CCTV**

Cllr P Strawbridge gave an account of the proposals that the council had received to date, and illustrated that none of the proposals had addressed the need for good night vision cameras.

After a lengthy discussion which included the use of infrared to improve the night vision, positions and infrastructure, it was

RESOLVED: that the a working party of Cllr P Strawbridge, Cllr J Matthews and Officer S Field meet to discuss the CCTV requirements in more details, and produce a revised specification

G 0365 **POLICY OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND**

Members were presented with the current Policy of Council Owned Land and some proposed changes from Cllr J Deane.

It was agreed to remove "Town Mayor" from point 3.1.3. Members discussed the rest of the information presented, and it was:

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk assimilate both documents into one, and present at the November Grounds meeting

G 0366 **ALLOTMENT MEETING MINUTES DATED 13TH SEPTEMBER 2018**

Members received a copy of the Allotment Meeting Minutes dated 13th September 2018.

G 0367 **ADDITIONAL NOTICE BOARDS**

Members received a verbal report regarding the purchase of two further notice boards for the Penns Farm area and Bell Hill car park. Funds were earmarked for this purpose some time ago, and Harry Stebbing Workshop has been identified to provide similar notice boards to the current ones, which are made from solid wood.

Distribution of posters would continue to be carried out by Grounds and Office staff, with assistance from the ward members when necessary. It was

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk should proceed with the purchase of two additional notice boards for Penns Farm and Bell Hill from Harry Stebbing Workshop at a cost of £2,884 + VAT

G 0368

PETERSFIELD TOWN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
DEFIBRILLATOR

The official request had not been received for the mounting of a defibrillator on the Love Lane Pavilion, but it was noted that if the request was officially received, members were in support of this happening. The item would appear on a future agenda when the official request was received from the Petersfield Town Junior Football Club.

RESOLVED: that subject to the request being officially received, members approved the mounting of the defibrillator on the Love Lane Pavilion

G 0369

TREE WORKS

Members received costs and information regarding tree works that were required at Penns Farm Playing Fields and Bell Hill Common. In addition to the report, it was noted that some further work was required in the Bell Hill area where 2 dead trees had been discovered. It was

RECOMMENDED: that the work required at Penns Farm Playing Fields, Bell Hill Common and Bell Hill be approved at a cost of £3150 + VAT

CONFIDENTIAL

G 0370

STAFF MATTERS

There were no confidential staff matters

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.