

**Minutes of the Recreation and Services Committee Meeting
held on Monday 17 December 2018 at 7:30pm
at the Olney Centre**

Present: Councillors Tony Evans Jeremy Rawlings, Deirdre Bethune, John Boardman, Stephen Clark, Desmond Eley, Colin Rodden, Kevin Viney.

In attendance: Liam Costello (Town Clerk)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Dr Sally Pezaro

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 08 October 2018

RESOLVED: To approve the meeting held on 08 October 2018

3. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None declared.

4. Locations for WW1 benches

The committee considered the best location to site the two Silent Soldier benches. The preferred location was in place of the two existing benches facing the Market car park, adjacent to the memorial.

The two existing benches will need to be relocated. They are in memory of individuals, and so it needs to be handled in a sensitive manner.

RESOLVED:

- To investigate in whose names the current benches are, and seek to obtain agreement for their relocation.
- Available councillors to meet on site on 20 December to discuss.

5. Market Place tree opposite the museum

Due to the size of the tree in the flower bed opposite the museum, it is difficult for the bedding plants to survive and thrive. Additionally, there are signs in the canopy of that the tree has some problems.

Two options are available to the council

1. Plant shrubs in the flower bed instead of bedding plants.
2. Remove the tree and replace it with something smaller such as a cherry tree.

RESOLVED: To remove the tree and replace it with a cherry tree.

6. Request to vary premises licence at the market to allow the sale of alcohol.

The committee considered a request from Bucks Star beer to vary the market license to allow on-sales at monthly farmers markets which they felt would to the occasion.

RESOLVED: Not to vary the license

7. Condition of paths at the recreation ground

The committee discussed the condition of the footpath between the play area and the Bowls Club / MUGA which is in poor condition and subject to surface water flooding.

RESOLVED: To draw up a scheme for improvements to a pedestrian standard

8. Condition of the MUGA surface

The committee considered the deteriorating condition of the surface of the MUGA and what are the options for improvements.

RESOLVED: To discuss with sports clubs at the next JUG meeting.

9. Dog Bins replacement with larger bins

Des Eley gave a report on his review of the size and location of current bins. His recommendation was to purchase 17 x 66-litre bins to replace the busy 45-litre bins, which could then be used to replace the 35-litre bins.

RESOLVED: Town Clerk to check with Contractor who empties bins if there is any prices difference for the 66-litre bin.

10. Request from the fishing club to use the allotment field as a car park

The committee considered correspondence from the fishing club requesting the use of the Allotment Field for car parking when they host fishing matches.

RESOLVED: Not to agree to the request as it was felt that it would be the thin edge of the wedge, and result in other clubs requesting likewise.

11. Allotment water stations

The committee considered whether to introduce the 4,000litre rainwater stations as installed in Carlton Allotments. The indicative cost of each is £710

RESOLVED: Consult with the Allotment Association regarding the proposal

12. Public toilets at Market Place and recreation ground

The committee discussed the condition of the public toilets and what can be done to improve them.

RESOLVED: To investigate the cleaning regime, and find a specialist to draw up a professional cleaning regime.

13. Request for non-standard tablet at Garden of Remembrance

The committee considered a request from Colin Thomas for a non-standard tablet memorial in the Garden of Remembrance

RESOLVED: to approve the memorial

14. Budget 2019/20

The committee discussed any projects that it wished to include in the next budget. Raising open spaces reserves was identified as a priority.

RESOLVED: To seek to get the open spaces reserves back up to £40K over a number of years. If major unplanned expenditure occurs to consider prudential borrowing to meet need.

