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MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11th December 2014

PRESENT

Councillors: T O'Neill (chairman) and J Sinnott, T Harris, A Chesters and B Slater

IN ATTENDANCE

M Wilson (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllr R Hewson – another meeting

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

After a proposal by Councillor Sinnott and seconded by Councillor Slater **PC/14/1415**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2014 be agreed and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public were present but did not raise any issues.

6. REQUEST FROM RESIDENT

A resident was seeking the Town Council to pay her £70 pest control invoice but could not prove that she had a squirrel in her house as a consequence of the trees branches being so close to her house. After a proposal by Councillor Sinnott and seconded by Councillor Slater **PC/15/1415**

RESOLVED: That the Town Council would not pay for the pest control invoice.

7. SKATE BOARD PARK

No update still waiting on feasibility study.

8. SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PARK

A discussion around the proposal in the Harry Richards garden to extend the area was rejected. A discussion around purchasing more trees to try and reduce the water logging of the park; this was rejected and instead try and seek some lottery funding to have the park have a professional repair the drains that was not working at the moment. The rose walk and more benches was discussed; Cllr Harris will be asking the Waterways Trust about purchasing some maintenance free benches. After a proposal by Councillor Chesters and seconded by Councillor Harris **PC/16/1415 RESOLVED** to purchases more roses and benches.

9. Britain in Bloom

The members decided that Shropshire Council is responsible for a number of areas out of the Town Councils control and if they are not maintained due to cut backs then the Britain in Bloom would not consider the Town for any metals. It was agreed not to consider entering this competition.

10. Deer Moss Trees

The area of land is not registered and the tree could be cut back by the resident with no objection from the Town Council.

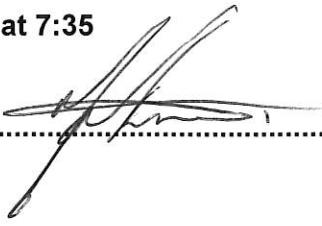
11. Parks Award

A discussion around the parks contract and at the full council meeting it was suggested that the winning contractor be asked if they would consider a 3 year freeze on prices. The contractor has been contacted and they have reduced the price and would be struggling to freeze the price for three years. After a proposal by Councillor Chesters and seconded by Councillor Harris
PC/17/1415 RESOLVED: to accept the bid on the 5 year contract.

12. Confidential Business (if any)

None

Meeting closed at 7:35

Chairman  Date 30/4/15