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PARKS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10th Sept 2015

PRESENT

Councillors: Chairman T O'Neill, B Slater and G Stockton

IN ATTENDANCE

M. Wilson Town Clerk, Cllr Chesters

1. Apologies

Cllr Duffy - Another engagement
Cllr Harris - Working
Cllr Sinnott - Holiday

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

After proposal by Cllr Stockton and seconded by Cllr Slater **It was RESOLVED PC/5/1516** the minutes of the meeting held on **2nd July 2015** be signed as an accurate record of that meeting

4. MATTERS ARISING

Update on exercise equipment in the park; the clerk reported that consultation was still taking place.

Wet land and sink holes areas in the park. A report from Nobridge has been received.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident from near the Deer Moss Park asked councillors to consider more play equipment on Deer Moss and gave some examples.

A number of residents from W heatsheaf Drive attended to discuss the play area; they would like to see some equipment on the play area.

Nobridge Nurseries gave a presentation on areas of concern in the parks.

Chris Smith from Rotary asked for permission to plant out the traffic lights area in the town but needs funds to do so and watering. He also asked about the Brownlow area of ground that could be cultivated. Both these areas are land belonging to Shropshire Council. The clerk will write to inform them that the Rotary are interested in looking after these areas.

6. W heatsheaf Drive play area

Discussed at public session.

7. Britain in Bloom

Deferred to next meeting

8. Band in the park

The chairman reported that the Town Band would be in the park on Sunday 13th and hoped that this will be a regular occurrence.

9. Flower baskets

A discussion around winter flowering baskets or plastic baskets for the winter. Nobridge the parks Contractor had given a details of costing and pointed out the problems with winter watering.

After proposal by Cllr Slater and seconded by Cllr Stockton **It was RESOLVED PC/7/1516** that if individuals wanted to purchase their own winter hanging baskets they may but the Town Council would not be including winter baskets of any kind.

10. Parks Toilets

Jubilee Park toilets have been vandalised on numerous occasions recently. Our handyman has put padlocks on the doors but this has not prevented further vandalism and the magnetic locks are broken that prevent entry. Councillors discussed closing the toilets after the afternoon clean until the toilet doors are repaired.

11. Bench

After a discussion about the bench at outside the drill hall and the nuisance it causes.

After proposal by Cllr O'Neill and seconded by Cllr Slater **It was RESOLVED PC/8/1516** it was agreed not to return the bench.

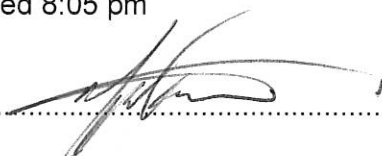
12. SKATE BOARD PARK

No information

13. Confidential Business (if any)

None

Meeting closed 8:05 pm

Chairman  Date 8/10/15