



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee 1st June 2021, held at Town Council offices at 19:30 hrs

Committee Members:

Councillors: B Allen (Chair), S Gibson, M Gilpin, C Hays, B Romaine, P Rumney, P Smith, S Spooner, A Williams

Present:

Cllrs B Allen (Chair), C Hays, B Romaine, P Rumney, S Spooner

Clerk: Cate Davidson

Asst Clerk: Jackie Murley

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98. **Appoint a Chair of the Environmental & Leisure Committee**
Cllr S Spooner nominated Cllr B Allen; Cllr C Hall seconded the proposal
By a show of hands and no other nominations, Cllr B Allen was duly elected and accepted her position as Chair of the Environmental & Leisure Committee.
99. **Appoint a Vice Chair of the Environmental & Leisure Committee**
Cllr C Hays nominated Cllr S Spooner; Cllr P Rumney seconded the proposal
By a show of hands and no other nominations, Cllr S Spooner was duly elected and accepted his position as Chair of the Environmental & Leisure Committee.
100. **Apologies**
Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Gibson and Gilpin. Cllrs Smith and Williams absent.
101. **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr S Spooner in relation to item 108 – Summer Playscheme.
102. **Approval of Minutes of 30th March 2021**
RESOLVED that the minutes of 30th March 2021 are approved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
103. **Matters Arising**
No matters were raised at this time.
104. **Budget 2020/21 – Spend to date (circulated)**
Members received and approved the current spend to date for this committee as circulated.
The Clerk reported as it was early in the financial year, there were no budgetary concerns of note.
105. **S106 – Play Area Funding – The Ridings Play Area**
- The Clerk reported S106 funding had become available specifically for improvement and/or enhancement of The Ridings Play Area. Some research had been undertaken and illustrations of a “dome” style piece of equipment was circulated. **RESOLVED** the Clerk set up a meeting with Chipping Sodbury Town Trust representatives, the Chair and Vice Chair to discuss a way forward with the project.



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- It was noted a decision with regard to the second Trinity Lane II development was awaited.

In addition, the Clerk updated Members with regard to the play area adjacent to Waitrose and that South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) had now taken over ownership. Members had previously considered taking over responsibility of the area but, on further discussion, it was concluded to leave the area in the hands of SGC and review the matter in 12 months time.

106. Dog Bins

The Clerk reported a request had been received from a resident for a dog bin to be installed in Two Stones Lane, Chipping Sodbury. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** the Clerk visit the area and if no other bins were located in the area, continue with the purchase of a bin, the cost of which was in the region of £1000 plus SGC's fee for emptying. The Clerk confirmed she would update Committee Members accordingly.

107. Public Conveniences

It was reported a meeting with a contractor was awaited to discuss costs/refurbishment of the ladies facilities. The matter to be carried forward to next meeting.

108. Summer Playscheme

- The Clerk reported last year's Summer athletics session for 5 days had been successful and the provider was keen to repeat for 2021. In addition, the Clerk had given thought to a craft session at the Old Grammar School for 5 days.
- Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to hold an athletics session w/c 02/08/21 on The Ridings and a craft session w/c 23/08/21 at the Old Grammar School. The total cost for both events was £2,450 which was approved.

109. Items to Report

Cllr Hays enquired whether Network Rail land/Sodbury Woodland & Nature (SWaN) should be assigned to the E&L Committee as a standing item. Following discussion, Members agreed with Cllr Hays and, in addition, that "Public Conveniences" item moved/assigned from E&L to Markets Committee - to be ratified by Full Council.

Cllr Spooner reported with regard to SWaN and that funding was awaited.

The Clerk reminded Members the grass cutting contract is to be reviewed at the next meeting and asked all to keep an eye on grass cutting over the next few months with a view to possible reductions.

110. Date of next meeting – 27th July 2021

The Chairman closed the meeting

Signed *Brenda Allen*

Dated *27 July 2021*