



Sodbury Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee 30th March 2021, held via Zoom 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), M Gilpin, C Hays, B Romaine, P Rumney, P Smith, S Spooner, A Williams

Clerk: Cate Davidson

89. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr S Gibson.

90. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made at this time.

91. Approval of Minutes of 2nd February 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes of 2nd February 2021 are approved as an accurate record of the meeting to be signed by the Chairman at her next visit to the office.

92. Matters Arising

None matters were raised at this time.

93. Budget 2020/21 – Spend to date (circulated)

The Clerk had circulated a report including the spend to 30th March in advance of the meeting. As previously, members noted that there would be an underspend within the overall committee budget due to the cancellation of floral displays and the play scheme last year.

The Clerk informed members that she had been speaking to the Chairman of SiB earlier that day and they are looking at subsidising the costs of hanging baskets to businesses and residents in the High Street this year to encourage as much involvement as possible. Members were asked if they would consider using some of the unspent budget to assist with this. It was unanimously **Resolved** that a grant of £2,000 is made to Sodbury in Bloom from unspent S137 budget to subsidise the cost of floral displays in the High Street during the 2021 summer period. (MG abstained from the vote as a member of SiB)

94. Public Conveniences

Cllr Rumney reported that due to social distancing a meeting has not yet been possible at the conveniences. Members were asked how much they wanted to spend on the work as this would affect the specification that is drawn up, members responded that it is difficult to know without knowing what work is essential and what would be "nice to have".

The Clerk suggested she obtains an update from SGC in relation to what CIL funding is available in the next financial year and that further discussion takes place at the next meeting. Members approved this course of actions.



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95. Play Areas

The Clerk advised members that despite two requests for an update from SGC in relation to the Waitrose play area she has still not received an update from them. The Clerk will continue to chase this matter periodically but reminded members this has already taken a number of years to move forward between SGC and the land developer.

The maintenance contractor had reported that he feels another top up of play bark is required in Old Sodbury. This has not been reported in the monthly SGC inspections and it was felt that it was not required at this time.

96. Items of Report

Cllr Spooner reported that he has visited some potential MUGA (multi use games area) sites and feels that the most suitable location would be The Ridings. The Town Trust has been approached in relation to this and SS will update once a response is received.

Cllr Spooner enquired as to arrangements for the summer play scheme provision. It was agreed that SS would investigate the athletics week again and CD would look into a week of crafts to take place at The Old Grammar School to allow for substantial fresh air and outdoor space. Both are to report back at the next meeting.

97. Date of next meeting – 25th May 2021

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.06 hours

Signed Brenda Allen

Dated 1 June 2021