



TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the

Environment & Amenities Committee meeting held on 2nd July 2019
In the Mayor's Parlour at the Town Hall, High Street, Tewkesbury

Present: Cllrs S Raywood (Chair), J Raywood, G Preedy, H Davis, M Sztymiak, K Powell

In attendance: J King (Assistant Town Clerk)

- E&A 19/001 To receive apologies for absence**
Late arrival advised from Cllr Aldridge.
- E&A 19/002 To record declarations of interest**
None received.
- E&A 19/003 To consider requests for dispensations**
None received.
- E&A 19/004 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2019**
It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes.
Proposed by Cllr J Raywood, seconded by Cllr Davis.
- E&A 19/005 Matters arising from the minutes – for information only**
18/053 Arrivall Public Art work – Update provided by Assistant Town Clerk.
18/083 Overgrown paths – Ongoing
18/083 Mythe Speed Data – Data has been submitted to Road Safety team.
Action: Request to follow up.
18/116 Neighbourhood development plan – Ongoing.
18/163 Dog Fouling – Tewkesbury Borough Council attending Full Council meeting on 8th July 2019.
18/169 Play Areas – Priority list complete, to review in 19/012.
18/173 Community Right to Bid – Application submitted.
18/174 Tree Survey – Quotations requested – ongoing.
18/175 Grass cutting - Quotations requested – ongoing.
- E&A 19/006 To receive correspondence relating to the Environment and Amenities Committee**
Car accident recently damaged the refurbished Crescent bus shelter. Will submit a claim for damages to accompany the court case via the Police.
If unsuccessful, will consider direct insurance claim.
- E&A 19/007 Public Participation**
There was no public participation.



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E&A 19/008 To review the work programme

Councillors reviewed the work programme.

It has been noted that the bus shelters are noticeably cleaner.

Street furniture inspections have been completed.

Action: To review the street furniture condition report to prioritise issues.

E&A 19/009 To receive Income and Expenditure Reports for May 2019

The Income and Expenditure Reports for May 2019 were received.

A Councillor requested the electricity tariff.

Councillors requested that grass cutting for the play areas be submitted as one payment a month and that the description read 'grass cutting – play areas'.

Cllr Aldridge arrived at 6.20pm.

E&A 19/010 To receive the Committee Budget Report

The Budget Report was received.

Action: Councillors requested that the current earmarked reserves be circulated.

E&A 19/011 To approve the payments list

It was RESOLVED to approve the payments list.

A total expenditure of £5136.61 was authorised on the payment list.

Proposed by Cllr J Raywood, seconded by Cllr Preedy.

E&A 19/012 To receive updates on Play Areas and agree actions

- Derrick Graham Memorial Park
 - Rocks – Cllrs considered a request to remove the rocks following an incident with a child falling and knocking a tooth out. There was no trip hazard involved in the accident. It was considered that they are part of the original landscaping, children enjoy playing on them and that they form a barrier around the tables, so at present they will not be removed.
 - It was RESOLVED to carry out £965 of remedial work, as per the quotation from Greenfields dated 14th June 2019 at the Derek Graham Play Area. Proposed by Cllr Szymiak, seconded by Cllr J Raywood.
 - There is some graffiti on the cableway that has been burnt into the wood.
Action: Remove graffiti.
- Warwick Place Play Area
 - Phase 1 is now complete.
 - Barnwood Trust Grant for £15,000 received.
- Mitton Play Area
 - A damaged swing has been removed. Replacement cost £198.
 - Hedges have been cut back.



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- It was RESOLVED to carry out £175.00 of remedial work, as per the quotation from Greenfields dated 14th July 2019, together with the replacement of the damaged swing at a cost of £198.00 at Mitton Play Area. Proposed by Cllr Sztymiak, seconded by Cllr Powell.

E&A 19/013 To receive any update on the Lincoln Green Lane noticeboard

Currently with Tewkesbury Borough Council regarding the terms of the three-way licence. No order can be placed until the licence has been agreed.

E&A 19/014 To receive an update on the youth budget for 2019/20 and agree any summer provision

Gloucestershire Play Rangers are able to provide four days, at a cost of £477 per day. These would be the first four Fridays of the Summer Holidays. Preferred location would be The Vineyards, permission required from Tewkesbury Borough Council to do so.

It was RESOLVED to fund four days with Gloucestershire Play Rangers at a cost of £477 per day, for the first four Fridays of the Summer Holidays. Proposed Cllr Powell, seconded Cllr Sztymiak.

The Assistant Town Clerk provided details on the Aston project and their request for projects that they could assist with. Suggestions included:

Tewkesbury in Bloom – weeding and planting.

Warwick Place garden

Young Friends of Tewkesbury Abbey, there are plans this summer to do an archaeological field study around the Abbey grounds and the Vineyards.

Action: Details to be sent to Cllr J Raywood.

E&A 19/015 To receive an update on public toilets in Tewkesbury

There is an issue with three doors at Gloucester Road toilet block. Need to sand down and repaint.

It was RESOLVED to sand down and repaint the back of the doors at the Gloucester Road toilet block at a cost of £75.00.

Proposed Cllr J Raywood, seconded by Cllr Powell.

A Councillor asked when the doors would be replaced. It was advised that this is currently on hold until a decision about the removal of business rates is made, as this will impact the type of replacement door chosen.

A response had been received regarding the old Gander Lane toilet block.

Action: Response to ask question on the break clauses on current lease and advise that changes would be subject to planning and grant applications. It was noted that the design would need to take in to account the flooding issues of the location.



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E&A 19/016 To approve retrospectively the additional expenditure incurred to replace both noticeboards at the Watson Hall

The initial plan was to replace one side and repair one side of the noticeboards at the Watson Hall. On removal of the board, the damage was too great to repair, so both sides required replacement. The cost was £550, rather than the originally approved £440.

It was RESOLVED to retrospectively approve the additional expenditure incurred to replace both noticeboards at the Watson Hall.

Proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Sztymiak.

E&A 19/017 To consider and agree a request for an additional bench opposite Morrisons

There was a bench opposite Morrisons (on A438 near Jubilee Way junction), which was damaged and removed following a car crash approximately 5 years ago and never replaced. The cost of a new bench is £575.00, plus any installation costs. It is the only bench between Oldfield and New Town. Can we find a sponsor for the seat? It may be possible to trim the surrounding bushes and for the seat to face the Nature Reserve.

Action: To try to find a sponsor for the seat. Ask Morrisons and Tewkesbury Borough Council.

It was RESOLVED to agree a request for an additional bench opposite Morrisons and a sponsor will be sought.

Proposed by Cllr Sztymiak, seconded by Cllr J Raywood.

E&A 19/018 To agree the transfer of £1717 from E&A earmarked reserves to the main account and to allocate £495 to Derek Graham R&M and £1222 to Bus Shelter R&M

£495 covers repairs to slide base.

£1222 covers repairs to Crescent Bus shelter as earmarked in last financial year.

It was RESOLVED to agree the transfer of £1717 from E&A earmarked reserves to the main account and to allocate £495 to Derek Graham R&M and £1222 to Bus Shelter R&M. Proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Sztymiak.

The meeting closed at 7.04pm

Signature of Chairman upon approval of the minutes 3rd September 2019