

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 12th MARCH 2019 AT 7.30PM
AT THE TOWN HALL.**

PRESENT:

Cllr R Gell (Chairman)
Cllr D C Lawson
Cllr J Smithers
Cllr H L Jackson
Cllr Mrs S Mantle
Cllr Mrs V Newbery
Cllr A M T Reading
Miss A J Schofield (Assistant Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES**

None.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held 15th January 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record.

4. **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

5. **CASTLE FIELDS MOAT MAINTENANCE**

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

That the Trust Conservation Volunteers carry out 5 days of clearance works in the moat area at Castle Fields at a cost of £1300. That a budget of £1550 be agreed for the works to include the cost of a skip at £250.

6. **GARAGE AT SAFFRON ROAD RECREATION GROUND**

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

That essential repair to the damaged rear of the garage be undertaken at a cost of £180. That the garage continue to be used for storage by the Town Council in the short term as an interim measure with a review when plans for the Community Centre are further progressed.

7. **LITTER BIN, SAFFRON ROAD PLAY AREA**

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

That a replacement litter bin be purchased for Saffron Road Play Area at a cost of £495 including installation. That the new bin be located in the same location as the old bin.

8. **SKATE PARK, END BANKS, BONDED RUBBER MULCH SURFACING**

RESOLVED:

That additional quotes are obtained for the work to complete the surfacing of the end banks of the Skate Park.

9. **CLERK'S REPORT**

Station Road Open Space

The transfer deed of the land from David Wilson Homes has been sealed by the Council. We are waiting on a completion date. Once this becomes our open space the s106 monies should be transferred over. As it has been sometime since the price for the play area was agreed HAGS have indicated there is a price rise. This will be reviewed once the s106 money is in place.

Glebe Farm

The solicitor has stated that the land is a registered Village Green and as such the public have a right to use the land for recreational purposes. This right is implicit in the land being a Village Green and cannot be overridden by any action of the occupier or tenant. Strictly the land cannot be fenced or any steps taken to obstruct access. This is in addition to any rights of way which might exist over the land.

Therefore members of the public can go onto the land and there is no action that can be taken to stop them. This applies whoever has legal title to the land. The solicitor is going to write to the tenant pointing this out before the Council start to promote the area for use. Further update at next meeting.

Phase 5 Kings Meadow Lane

David Wilson Homes are being chased on a regular basis re the outstanding works. This is the same developer as Station Road, and the Station Road site has taken priority to get it completed. Once completion is confirmed phase 5 will be targeted more aggressively.

RESOLVED:

That the report from the Town Clerk be received and noted.

10. **PARISH PATHS WARDEN REPORT**

RESOLVED:

That the report from the Parish Paths Warden, Marion Darnell, be received and noted.

11. **ITEMS TO REPORT**

An opportunity for Members of the Committee to report items and to request future agenda items. No decisions can be made under this item.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

21st May 2019.

Chairman

Date