

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 17th MARCH 2020 AT 7.30PM
AT THE TOWN HALL.**

PRESENT:

Cllr S Mantle (Chairman)
Cllr H L Jackson
Cllr C O'Rourke
Cllr A M T Reading
Cllr Mrs A Gardner
Cllr Mrs P H Whiting
Miss A J Schofield (Assistant Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr V Paul.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held 14th January 2020 be signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record.

4. **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

5. **TOWN GREEN**

Committee received an update on the Town Green noting that a sign has been erected at the entrance and promotion has been undertaken.

RESOLVED:

That Council wait for legal advice and then consider whether to prosecute through the Magistrates Court.

6. **TURN UP AND PLAY SESSIONS**

Given the escalating situation with Coronavirus the Committee questioned if it would be possible to hold 2 'turn up and play sessions' during the Easter holidays.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

That application be made to the ENC Member Empowerment Fund for the 'turn up and play sessions' for the Summer holiday should it be possible to proceed with them.

7. **COMMUNITY ORCHARD PROJECT**

RESOLVED:

That the idea of a community orchard be identified as a future project.

8. **RESURFACING OF THE FOOTPATH ON PHASE 6**

RESOLVED:

That given concern regarding drainage in the area that quotes are also sought to allow consideration of the option to resurface the footpath on Phase 6 with tarmac in addition to those received for golden gravel.

9. **MUGA RESURFACING AND TENNIS COURT PAINTING**

- 9.1. **To consider quotes to resurface the MUGA.**
RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:
That, subject to satisfactory references for Spencer Park from Rushden Town Council, the resurfacing of the MUGA take place with Pladek surfacing at a cost of £19450. That if satisfactory references are not received the resurfacing of the MUGA be undertaken in line with the MUGA grade surface quote at a cost of £21940.
- 9.2. **To consider quotes to repaint the tennis courts.**
RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:
That the tennis courts be cleaned and cleared of moss and repainted at a cost of £3995.
10. **TIMBER FROM OAK TREE**
RESOLVED:
That Committee are supportive of the suggestion to use the timber from one of the oak trees that is to be removed. That Committee suggest Castle Fields a suitable location for a carved item to link with the proposed timber trim trail.
11. **TIMBER TRAIL AT CASTLE FIELDS**
RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:
That Council proceed with the design of 19 items at a cost of £14705.66 for the proposed Timber Trail at Castle Fields.
12. **PARISH PATHS WARDEN REPORT**
RESOLVED:
That the report from the Parish Paths Warden be received and noted.
13. **ITEMS TO REPORT**
Cllr H L Jackson reported at least 7 broken crossrails on the Greenway Extension section of fencing near the Ferrers School. He had received reports that students from the school had been seen damaging the rails. The Assistant Clerk will inform the school of the reports received.
14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
19th May 2020.

Chairman

Date