

PAULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parks and Amenities Committee meeting held on
Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 7.00pm held in the meeting room, Village Hall, Paulton.

PRESENT: Councillors T Bridgeman, H Howson, S Long, A Lyons, P McSherry
C Mitchard (Chairman) and H Warren.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Swift – Clerk, P Davison – Groundsman and Councillor L Hardman.

77. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor S Deacon-Church

78. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

79. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was none.

80. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved - that the minutes of the Parks and Amenities committee meeting held on 3rd October 2017 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

81. BANDSTAND AREA

The various options were discussed - it was suggested that alternative options for providing shade are looked into. A seat by the tree was also suggested. It was agreed that the shelter was a good idea and would provide shade although it may have to be smaller if put inside the children's play area in place of the 3 benches already there. Councillor Mitchard and Paul to look at suitable locations and report back to a future meeting.

Resolved –

- (i) not to proceed with a BBQ area
- (ii) not to proceed with the Shade Sail
- (iii) not to proceed with the sand pit bench

Resolved – that the shelter is agreed in principle subject to the location being decided upon by the committee.

82. TREE TAG PROJECT

Resolved – that if unsuccessful on the next round for Tesco funding that the Council will withdraw from the Tesco funding scheme and proceed with the project.

83. ACCESS TO WALLENGE OPEN SPACE

Paul discussed the issues in the winter with access to Wallenge Open Space via the grassy slope. The surface options were discussed, it was felt that as the rubber

matting surface is the best option for the slope that prices are obtaining before considering any other alternative surfaces.

Resolved – that a post and rail handrail is erected down to the telegraph pole on the slope and that a contractor is to do the work. Quotes for rubber matting are to be obtained to cover the grass slope access to the Wallenge Open Space.

84. RHS IT'S YOUR NEIGHBOUR HOOD AWARDS

Paul was given thanks for his involvement in achieving outstanding in all 3 areas.

Cemetery – bird and boxes have already been purchased and will be put up when the weather has improved.

Memorial Park – it was **resolved**:

- (i) that the Fitness Equipment is to be promoted and marketed to encourage use. Local sports clubs, Junior school and the Youth team to be invited to use the equipment free of charge.
- (ii) that the Green Flag initiative is looked into.
- (iii) that re tarmacing the pavement running along the wall is to be considered in the financial year 2019/20.

War Memorial –**resolved** that Councillor Mitchard and Paul will have a look at the condition of the railings and how many arrow heads are in need of replacing and report back to the next meeting.

85. STAMP AROUND PROJECT

Resolved – that agreement is given for the project to go ahead in the Memorial Park, Recreation Ground and Wallenge Open Space.

86. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Parks and Amenities Committee is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 17th April 2018 at 7.00pm**

Councillor L Hardman left the meeting to enable members of the committee to deal with the confidential items.

87. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved – that pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted – to consider a commercial matter.

88. BMX REFURBISHMENT

The Clerk explained that one quote was disregarded and not presented with the agenda due to the cost which was well over the agreed budget for the BMX refurbishment.

It was mentioned that there is funding available for such projects and it was asked if perhaps the Council should consider applying for the grants first to see if funding was available for a much larger BMX/skate park. Others felt that the project needed to go ahead asap due to the poor condition of it however funding via grants to be looked into so that the existing track could be extended in the future.

Resolved:

- (i) that Councillor Howson will look into grant funding.
- (ii) that the 1 metre wide refurbishment goes ahead at a cost of £13,515 (£10K from 2018/19 budget and from the Community Empowerment Fund).

89. RENOVATION OF CHAPEL

Resolved – that the first quote on the list was agreed to go ahead and that the costs will come out of the 2018/19 approved budget.

90. GARDENING SERVICES

Resolved –

- (i) that the quote was approved for works to be done in 2018.
- (ii) that the Council seeks additional quotes for works to be done in 2019 as per the Councils Financial Regulations – regulation 10.3

Meeting finished at 8.10pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)