

Minutes of the Public Spaces Working Group

Thursday 27th May 2021, 9:30am

Present:

Cllr Thomas
Cllr Saunders
A Andrews

Cllr Reynolds
C Oswald-Jones

Cllr Williams

In Attendance:

L Bareham

107. Election of the Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr

And on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Thomas as Chairman of the Public Spaces Working Group***

108. Election of the Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Saunders as Vice Chair of the Public Spaces Working Group***

109. Co-option of Members

It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to co-opt Chris Oswald-Jones as a Member of the Public Spaces Working Group***

Cllr Thomas noted that any member of the public, with relevant skills, wishing to join the working group can apply by contacting the Town Clerk.

110. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Perkin, Cllr Hook, M Knowles

111. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Saunders, C Oswald-Jones – Town Twinning Association

112. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

No further action on the duck feeder, planters will be installed tomorrow and planted over the weekend. Cllr Williams met with the EA and agreed the necessity for pesticides to be used in this instance with the expectation they would not be used in the future.

Cllr Thomas proposed, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Public Spaces Committee Meeting dated 27th March 2021.***

113. Terms of Reference

Cllr Thomas proposed the existing Terms of Reference continue to be used with the added reference to members of the public being welcome to attend the working group. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Saunders on being

put to the meeting it was **RECOMMENDED for approval by Full Council**

114. Town Entry Signs

A discussion took place regarding replacement signs It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Williams and on being put to the meeting it was **RECOMMENDED that the 4 town entry signs be refurbished at approx. £900 and any dibond additions be put on hold**

115. Work in Progress

There are now three separate lists following KCC officer's request for only KCC relevant items to be placed on the HIP. The second contains SBC items and the third list is an action plan for town wide desirable improvements.

Mr Oswald-Jones noted that the yellow lines near Stonebridge Pond had been replaced in the wrong colour. Cllr Saunders confirmed the yellow lines for that area had been approved by the JTB. The Town Clerk will write to SBC and KCC to request the correct colour be used in conservation areas.

It was suggested that the railings near Abel's Acre would be better painted black. The Facilities Manager will contact Alan Blackburn to discuss.

Cllr Saunders confirmed he would action the details on CCTV.

116. Walkabouts

Cllr Williams felt that Ward Members were already picking up faults on a regular basis and there was no need to formalise the walkabouts.

It was decided that the Town-wide Improvement List could be circulated for additions.

117. Items for Report

Chris Oswald-Jones asked what closed streets were about and Cllr Saunders confirmed the LCWIP were looking into traffic free neighbourhoods for roads such as Cambridge Road and School Road.

The loading bay at the rear of 12 Market Place may need a slope or dropped kerb.

Items for the next agenda include where to park bikes in the Market Place