



# Yeovil Town Council

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## **Minutes of the meeting of the Grounds & General Maintenance Committee of Yeovil Town Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.00pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ**

**Present:** Cllrs M Roper (Chairman); J Conway; E Potts-Jones; A Pugsley; D Recardo; and A Soughton.

**Also Present:** Cllr M Beales (Preston Ward Member)

**In Attendance:** Sally Freemantle (Deputy Town Clerk), Steve Fox (Specialist – Horticultural with Operation Management, SSDC) and Rob Parr (Locality Officer, SSDC).

**Public Comment.** There were no members of the public and no members of the press present.

**7.00pm** - Meeting commenced.

### **9/267 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs F Purbrick (conflicting engagement) and A Smith (illness).

### **9/268 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Members declare interests that accord with the Council's adopted Code of Conduct. This does not preclude any later declarations.

Cllrs E Potts-Jones, A Pugsley, D Recardo and M Roper declared a personal interest in agenda item 9/273 due to their allotment tenancies with the Town Council.

### **9/269 MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 be signed and dated as a correct record.

### **9/270 PLAY AREA UPDATE REPORT**

The Committee considered the verbal report by the Locality Officer who also explained that due to the restructure at South Somerset District Council, future meetings of the

Grounds and General Maintenance Committee would be attended by Kenton Bourne who would provide a play area update. Rob Parr would still be involved in any play area project work.

An issue was raised regarding dogs in the play area at Yew Tree Park. There are signs at the entrances stating "No Dogs", but dogs are still walked through the area and the owners are not always keeping them on leads.

**RESOLVED:** that the report of the Locality Officer be noted.

### **9/271 PRESTON PARK PLAY AREA**

The Committee considered the verbal report by the Locality Officer regarding the cost of reinstating the fence around the play area and various options were discussed including hedging and alternative sizes and materials of fencing.

The advice from the SSDC Officer was that the installation of a fence would not solve the issue.

It was agreed that the park is lovely as it is and that alternative methods of addressing the problem of dogs in the play area and fouling near the play equipment should be explored. It was therefore agreed that patrols and enforcement be put in place.

**RESOLVED:** (1) that the information from the Locality Officer be noted; and (2) that South Somerset District Council's Enforcement Officer be requested to arrange patrols in both Preston Park and Yew Tree Park to address the issues of dogs in the play areas and dog fouling.

### **9/272 RAISED BEDS NEAR ST MARK'S CHURCH**

The Committee considered the verbal report by the Specialist – Horticultural with Operation Management regarding the raised beds near St Mark's Church. Steve explained the work required to replace and repair the following:

- sleepers in raised beds, flower gardens and on steps;
- edging boards on a central circle; fruit wires,
- to repair the greenhouse.

The original work on the Milford Allotment Garden had been carried out 10 years ago with grant funding from South Somerset District Council. It was confirmed that the land is owned by the Church.

**RESOLVED:** that the matter be noted.

### **9/273 ALLOTMENT MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE**

The Committee considered the Allotment Maintenance Schedule.

**RESOLVED:** that the Allotment Maintenance Schedule be noted.

**9/274 FINANCIAL STATEMENT – DECEMBER 2018/JANUARY 2019**

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

**RESOLVED:** that the Financial Statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 be approved.

**Public Comment.** There were no members of the public present, however Cllr A Pugsley thanked the Chairman, Cllr M Roper for all his hard work as a Councillor and Committee Chairman.

The meeting closed at 7:55pm.

Signed: ..... (Chairman)                      Date: .....