



Yeovil Town Council

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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee held on Monday 13th June 2022 at 7.00pm held by video-conference using Zoom meeting software; and in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ.

Committee Members Present (in person): Cllrs R Spinner (Chair); T Casey; A Kendall; J Lock; P Lock; E Potts-Jones; A Richards and H Stonier.

In Attendance (in person): A Card (Town Clerk); and S Freemantle (Deputy Town Clerk).

Public Comment. There was one member of the public (Mr Manny Roper, in person) and one member of the press (virtually) present. The member of the press asked why the bedding in St John's Churchyard had not been planted in time for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon lighting on 2nd June 2022. The Committee agreed that they would request an answer and respond to the member of the press.

7.05pm – Meeting Commenced.

11/005. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Soughton (conflicting engagement). Apologies for absence were also received from Nathan Turnbull, Locality Officer (SSDC).

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies with the reasons given.

11/006. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this time. This did not exclude any later declarations.

11/007. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

The Committee approved as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 7th March and 25th May 2022.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meetings of the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee held on 7th March and 25th May 2022.be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

11/008. CO-OPTION OF A NON-VOTING MEMBER

It was proposed, seconded and all agreed that Mr Manny Roper be the Co-opted Non-voting member on the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee.

RESOLVED: that Mr Manny Roper be the Co-opted Non-voting member on the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee.

7.10pm - Mr Manny Roper took his place at the meeting.

Mr Roper explained that he would only continue to be the Co-opted Non-voting Member on the Committee if the correspondence and co-operation from the Council improved. He stated that he had been dissatisfied for three years.

11/009.SKATE PARKS REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Committee considered the report by the Locality Officer (SSDC).

RESOLVED: to defer the decision to the next meeting of the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee.

11/010. PLAY AREA UPDATE

No update was available at the time of the meeting.

RESOLVED: to defer the Play Area Update to the next meeting of the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee.

11/011. CEDAR TREE AT SIDNEY GARDENS

No update was available at the time of the meeting.

RESOLVED: to defer the Play Area Update to the next meeting of the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee.

11/012. OPEN SPACES REPRESENTATION

The Committee considered a table by the Town Clerk which identified the open spaces in the Town and the ward representation by Committee member of each open space in 2021/22.

The agreed representation from this Committee for the open spaces in Yeovil Town are listed in the table below. Site visits to the open spaces will commence once Councillors have been contacted by the Specialist & Operational Management – Horticulture (SSDC).

RESOLVED: (1) that the report be noted; and (2) that the representation from this Committee for the open spaces in Yeovil Town are:

Open Space	Ownership	Ward	Agreed Representative as at 13 th June 2022
Westfield Grove Recreation Ground	SSDC	Yeovil Summerlands	Pauline Lock pauline.lock@yeovil.gov.uk
Monksdale Recreation Ground	SSDC		Evie-Potts Jones evie.pottsjones@yeovil.gov.uk
Preston Park	SSDC		
Oxford Road / St Johns Road play area	SSDC	Lyde	Jamie Lock jamie.lock@yeovil.gov.uk
Roseberry Avenue Recreation Ground	SSDC		Ashley Richards ashley.richards@yeovil.gov.uk
Howard Road Recreation Ground	SSDC		
Kingston View Recreation Ground	SSDC	Crofton Park	Andy Soughton andy.soughton@yeovil.gov.uk
Bides Gardens / Reckleford	SCC		Andy Kendall andy.kendall@yeovil.gov.uk
Fielding Road Recreation Ground	SSDC	Yeovil College	Andy Kendall andy.kendall@yeovil.gov.uk
Grass Royal Recreation Ground	SSDC		Roy Spinner roy.spinner@yeovil.gov.uk
Milford Park	SSDC		
Higher Milford Valley Playing Field	SSDC		
Lower Milford Valley Playing Field	SSDC		
Sidney Gardens	SSDC	Grove Avenue	Evie-Potts Jones evie.pottsjones@yeovil.gov.uk
Westland Road Recreation Ground	SSDC	Yeovil Westlands	Andy Soughton andy.soughton@yeovil.gov.uk
Turners Barn Lane	SSDC		Tareth Casey tareth.casey@yeovil.gov.uk
Yew Tree Park Recreation Ground	SSDC		Helen Stonier helen.stonier@yeovil.gov.uk

11/013. CORRESPONDENCE

The Deputy Town Clerk read out an email commending the fencing contractors who replaced the fence at an allotment site.

RESOLVED: that the email be noted.

11/014. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2022

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1st February to 31st March 2022.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement for the period 1st February to 31st March 2022 be approved.

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

7.58pm – Mr Manny Roper (Co-opted, Non-voting Member) and the member of the press left the meeting and did not return.

11/015. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity of agenda items 10/195 – 10/197 would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3

11/016. ACCESS TO GOAR KNAPP COMPOUND (CONFIDENTIAL)

The Committee considered the verbal report by the Deputy Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: to note the report and send a letter to the tenant from the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee.

11/017. SUNNINGDALE ALLOTMENT SITE ISSUES (CONFIDENTIAL)

The Deputy Town Clerk provided an update on the issues regarding the badger gates and issues at Sunningdale Allotment site.

RESOLVED: (1) that the update be noted; and (2) that the suggested course of action be investigated.

11/018. ALLOTMENT NOTICE TO QUIT APPEAL (CONFIDENTIAL)

The Committee considered the Notice to Quit Appeal letters and the summaries tabled by the Deputy Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the matters; and (2) to uphold the appeals with conditions.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm.

Signed: (Chairman)

Date: