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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee held on Monday 19th July 2021 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); A Kendall; T Ledlie and A Richards.

Committee Members Present (virtually): Cllr P Lock and Mr M Roper.

Councillors Also Present (virtually): Cllr T Lock (Yeovil Lyde Ward).

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

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

7.00pm – Meeting Commenced

10/136. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G Hunting (conflicting engagement); E Potts-Jones (personal reasons) and A Soughton (work commitment).

10/137. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Manny Roper declared a personal interest in agenda items 10/140, *Rats at Milford Dip Allotment Site*, due to his allotment tenancies with Yeovil Town Council at Milford Dip Allotment site.

Cllr P Lock declared a personal interest agenda item 10/145, *Goldcroft Former Allotment Site*, due to an historic commercial interest in the development of the site.

10/138. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

The Committee approved as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th May 2021.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee held on 24th May 2021 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**10/139. TREEWOR/VERHANGING AT ELIZABETH FLATS ALLOTMENT SITE:
Urgent Business Standing Order 4/d/xiv**

The Committee considered the report by the Deputy Town Clerk explaining the use of Urgent Business Standing Order 4/d/xiv and the agreement to waive the requirement to seek alternative quotes due to the urgency and nature of the work.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

10/140. RATS AT MILFORD DIP ALLOTMENT SITE

The Committee considered a report by the Deputy Town Clerk and discussed the available evidence of rats on the allotment site and potential actions to take.

RESOLVED: (1) that the report be noted; (2) that SSDC Environmental Health be asked to visit the site to provide advice; (3) that subject to the advice/attendance by SSDC, Helliar Pest Control be asked to remedy the issue; and (4) that resolution of the matter be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman of the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee.

10/141. SUNNINGDALE DOORSTEP GREEN

The Committee considered the report by the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

10/142. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – APRIL AND MAY 2021

The Committee considered the Financial Statement for the period 1st April to 31st May 2021.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement for the period 1st April to 31st May 2021 be approved.

Public Comment. There were no comments from members of the public.

7.31pm – the member of the press left the meeting and did not return.

10/143. 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 10/144 – 10/146 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

10/144. WALL ADJACENT TO ELIZABETH FLATS ALLOTMENT SITE (CONFIDENTIAL)

The Committee considered the report by the Deputy Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the report; (2) to carry out the works proposed with the addition of drainage and seek to recover costs from the neighbouring property owner.

10/145. GOLDCROFT FORMER ALLOTMENT SITE (CONFIDENTIAL)

The Committee considered the report by the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the report; (2) to clear the edge of the land to ensure access along the trackway is maintained; and (3) to await further information and an update at a future meeting of the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee.

10/146. BADGERS AT RUSTYWELL ALLOTMENT SITE (COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE)

The Deputy Town Clerk outlined the ongoing issues with badgers on the site and explained that the remedial costs were still awaited.

RESOLVED: (1) to note the report, (2) to await remedial costs and an update at the next meeting of the Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.14pm.

Signed: (Chairman)

Date: