

# UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of the **Environment and Leisure Committee** held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.00pm.

## **PRESENT:**

Cllr. M. Dean (Chairman)  
Cllr. D. Ward  
Cllr. D. Bennett  
Cllr. I. Smith

Cllr. D. French  
Cllr. K. Everett  
Cllr. S. Mayhew

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Cllrs. C. Macve, P. Meakin and P. Sparks  
1 Press (recorded the meeting)

Christine Wheatley – Assistant Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer  
Minutes taken by Christine Wheatley

### **1.0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members and officers were reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda, but none were forthcoming.

### **2.0. STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION**

None.

### **3.0. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr H. Firth.

### **4.0. MINUTES**

- 4.1. Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**EL 69.07.17** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **4.2. Action list**

Members considered the action list which had been previously circulated and agreed to remove the following items which had either been completed or appeared elsewhere on the agenda: -

EL 59.03.17 Land at Hunters Way

EL 61.04.17 Strengthening Local Relationships meetings

EL 65.05.17 Strengthening Local Relationships meetings

EL63.05.17 Carry forward 2016/17 budgets  
EL67.05.17 Results of review of Local Wildlife Sites in Uckfield.

- 4.3. Project Monitoring List – For information only  
Noted.

**5.0. FINANCE**

- 5.1. To note bills paid  
Members noted the bills paid.
- 5.2. No income and expenditure report until accounts completed  
No income and expenditure report until the 2016/2017 accounts are completed.

**6.0. ADMINISTRATION**

- 6.1. Request for a memorial in Snatts Road Cemetery  
Members discussed a previously circulated report regarding a request for two ledger style memorials in Snatts Road Cemetery which currently do not conform to the Town Council's Rules & Regulations. Members agreed that the memorials would not require long-term maintenance and would not pose the same problem as some headstone with regards to stability.

**EL 70.07.17** Following further discussion it was **RESOLVED** to permit the request for two ledger style memorials.

**7.0. ENVIRONMENT**

- 7.1. Request to purchase land adjacent to 14 Egles Grove  
Members discussed a previously circulated the report regarding a request to purchase a piece of land adjacent to the above property. Some Members felt that as we had declined a similar request only a few months earlier we should remain consistent and not sell the land. Others felt that the land should be valued, although this would have cost implications.

The Clerk advised that an Asset Management Plan was being drawn up which would offer advice on a more strategic approach on how the Council manages its assets more effectively.

**EL 71.07.17** Following further discussion it was **RESOLVED** to postpone a decision on the sale of the land until the completion of the Asset Management Plan and to advise the resident accordingly.

**8.0. LEISURE**

- 8.1. Hughes Way Play Area Update  
The six designs for the play area were on display prior to the meeting to enable any Member queries to be clarified.  
Members also considered a previously circulated report which detailed the results of the public consultation day on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, and the residents survey results. Although all designs were considered worthy Members felt that the design by HAGS/SMP was the most impressive.

**EL 72.07.17** Following further discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to accept the design by HAGS/ SMP for the following reasons:

- A superior design with a range of excellent equipment;

- The results of the public consultation.

Members felt public opinion was important especially as the Council took pride in consulting with the public and HAGS/SMP scored very highly. The installation of a second pedestrian gate is to be considered.

Councillors wished to thank staff for all their hard work with regards to the project.

## **9.0. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS AND TO AGREE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### 9.1. Ridgewood Recreation Ground Nothing to report.

### 9.2. Road Safety Members thanked all those involved in setting up the day which once again was a great success.

**EL 73.07.17** Members noted the report and **RESOLVED** that:

- 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be agreed as next year's Road Safety date;
- that a Working Group is established, membership to consist of Cllrs I. Smith, P. Sparks and P. Meakin.
- A member to be tasked to obtain confirmation of continued support of current participants for 2018
- A member be tasked to inform likely attendee schools/ likely participants of the date for 2018.

## **10.0. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

### 10.1. Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Noted.

### 10.2. Informal Wealden Line Steering Group Nothing to report.

### 10.3. West Park LNR and Hempstead Meadows LNR – Supporters Group Members were advised that the minutes of a recent meeting were distributed to advise on current activities. Members were reminded that minutes are not accepted from outside organisations as representatives are responsible for providing reports to Committee.

### 10.4. Uckfield and District Twinning Nothing to report.

### 10.5. Age Concern Nothing to report.

### 10.6. Luxford Centre Management Committee Nothing to report.

### 10.7. Uck Valley Flood Forum Nothing to report.

10.8. Active Uckfield Group  
Members noted the report.

10.9. Wealden Bus Alliance  
Nothing to report.

10.10 Millennium Green Trust  
Nothing to report.

**11.0 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Nothing to report.

The meeting finished at 7.37pm.