

UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of the **Environment and Leisure Committee** held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre on Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

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

Cllr. D. French
Cllr. K. Everett

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cllr. P. Meakin
2 Members of the public
2 Press

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

Mr. P. Selby wished to speak on items 8.1 Update on Hughes Way Play Area and 9.1 Ridgewood Recreation Ground.

Mr Selby asked why the report on 9.1 had been removed from the agenda. He stated that residents were upset and intimidated by comments on social media sites, although he had not seen them himself but said this has to stop. Residents were not NIMBYs and they were not opposed to the play area.

There had been a meeting of various Councillors with residents and he felt the report was prejudicial as residents had not seen a reply. Discussions with Councillors were still on going.

With regards to the Hughes Way Play area consultation, it appeared that the play area would be for 0-10 years of age and everyone thought that this is what they were having at Ridgewood, which is not the case.

3.0. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. Mayhew, I. Smith, Cllr. H. Firth, and J. Beckford.

4.0. MINUTES

- 4.1. Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on the 17th March 2017

EL 60.04.17 It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on the 13th March 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.50.03.17 – Uckfield Town Council Promotion Tent

EL.51.03.17 – Olives Meadow Street Light Upgrade

EL.52.03.17 – Southern Water permission to discharge water at Harlands Farm

EL.54.03.17 – Funding 262 Saturday Bus Service

East Sussex County Council is to be asked for their methods of working regarding new path a Hempstead Meadows Local Nature Reserve.

4.3. Project Monitoring List

Members noted the project monitoring list.

5.0. FINANCE

5.1. To note bills paid

Members noted the bills paid.

5.2. Financial Forecast

Members noted the financial forecast.

6.0. ADMINISTRATION

6.1. No matters relating to Administration to report at this meeting.

7.0. ENVIRONMENT

7.1. Strengthening Local Relationships Meetings

Members discussed a previously circulated report and agreed that agenda items should be approved by committee.

EL 61.04.17 Following further discussion members **RESOLVED** that:

1) a maximum of two Councillors attend each meeting, with committee members having priority. If they are unable to attend it should be opened to non-committee members;

b) all Councillors are able to submit items for inclusion on the agenda which will have prior approval by the Environment and Leisure Committee.

7.2. Harlands Farm Pond

The Chairman thanked the author of the report, which members found very interesting. The Ranger is to be asked for ideas to captivate children's interest whilst at the pond.

Members noted the report.

7.3. Speed Indicator Device

Members agreed that S.I.D. was very popular when the Town Council used to own one. However, the locations where it is needed the most are not East

Sussex County Council approved. There would be a need for a possible community group to organise the operation of S.I.D. training etc.
This item is to be placed on the weekly briefing to ascertain if any Councillors would be interested in sitting on a working group in order to obtain further information from the County Council and establish if any community group could assist.
This item is to be placed on the next Environment & Leisure Committee agenda.

8.0. LEISURE

- 8.1. Update on the Hughes Way play area
Members noted the report.

- 8.2. The Reverend Cardale Memorial
Members noted the report and thought that the memorial should be restored and remain at Victoria Pleasure Ground. However, should a more suitable location be found in the future it should be relocated. Members also felt that we should promote the memorial by providing information on its history and background for visitors.

EL 62.04.17 It was **RESOLVED** to restore the Reverend Cardale Memorial and leave at its current location at Victoria Pleasure Ground.

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

- 9.1. Ridgewood Recreation Ground
The Chairman stated that the Council were investigating the installation of cameras at the play area and would monitor the situation. He also stated that if anyone saw anything untoward at the recreation ground they should ring the police.
- 9.2. Road Safety
Nothing to report.

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
Noted.
- 10.4. Uckfield and District Twinning
Nothing to report.
- 10.5. Age Concern
Nothing to report.
- 10.6. Luxford Centre Management Committee
Noted.
- 10.7. Uck Valley Flood Forum

Nothing to report.

10.8. Active Uckfield Group
Noted.

10.9. Wealden Bus Alliance
Nothing to report.

10.10 Millennium Green Trust
Nothing to report.

11.0 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS
None.

The meeting finished at 7.32pm