

UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of the **Environment and Leisure Committee** held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre on Monday 26th March 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr. M. Dean (Chairman)
Cllr. S. Mayhew
Cllr. I. Smith
Cllr. D. French

Cllr. J. Beesley
Cllr. K. Everett
Cllr. D. Ward

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor C. Macve
2 Press (1 recording)

Angela Paul – Administrative Officer
Minutes taken by Angela Paul

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.

Cllr. D. French declared an interest in Olives Meadow Street Light Upgrade listed on the Project Monitoring report should it be discussed.

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

None.

3.0. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

4.0. MINUTES

4.1. Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on the 12th February 2018

EL106.03.18 It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on the 12th February 2018 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4.2. Action list

Members considered the Action List that had been previously circulated and agreed to remove the following items which had either been completed or appeared elsewhere on the agenda.

EL72.07.17 - Hughes Way Play Area Update

EL104.02.18 -Ridgewood Village Twinning Sign

EL105.02.18 - To consider the Town Council's position when dealing with requests for dropped kerbs
Request for Netball lines to be added to Victoria and Ridgewood Multi Use Games Areas

- 4.3. Project Monitoring List – For information only
Members noted the project monitoring list.

5.0. FINANCE

- 5.1. To note bills paid
Members noted the bills paid.

- 5.2. Income and Expenditure Financial Forecast
Members queried the actual figures for Cemetery Interments. In the absence of the Financial Officer a response will be circulated in the weekly briefing.

6.0. ADMINISTRATION

- 6.1. Nothing to report.

7.0. ENVIRONMENT

- 7.1. Nothing to report.

8.0. LEISURE

- 8.1. Hughes Way Play Area Update
The Chairman advised that the play area was now open but some work was still required to the area where the Oak tree used to stand, this would be undertaken when the ground dries out and weather allows.

A date for the official opening has been arranged for the 7th April when Cllrs. Dean, Ward and French would attend.

- 8.2. Luxford Field play area
Members agreed that Luxford Field Play area should be the next area to be developed but that confirmation was required from the TCR regarding future development of the land and town centre as it would be too expensive to move the play equipment once installed. Members agreed that the present site was suitable and still allowed access for users of the field e.g. Fair, various fetes etc.

Cllr Firth advised that some years ago E & L did agree that some monies should be put aside and that this should be already in process.

Cllr Smith agreed that confirmation of location was paramount and that the play company may be able to advise at planning stage. Cllr Smith also advised that £25,000 per year should be set aside in the budget.

EL107.03.18 It was **RESOLVED** that sums of money should be set aside in future budgets for the upgrade of Luxford Field Play Area and that confirmation required from the TCR regarding the future development of the town centre.

- 8.3. To consider whether to fund the placement of a bike/scooter rack in /Ridgewood Village Hall Car Park
Members discussed the various options outlined in the report and agreed that a bike rack for £65.00 and a scooter stand for £90.00 should be provided within the car park adjacent to Ridgewood Village Hall.

EL108.03.18 It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that a budget be set aside to provide both items.

9.0. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

9.1. Road Safety

Members liked the theme for the poster competition and noted the report.

9.2. Speed Indication Device (SID)

The committee agreed that SID should be kept in a storeroom at the Civic Centre and that the caretakers help with the collection and return of the equipment, and that the caretakers to be asked to ensure that both batteries are fully charged and ready for the next use.

Cllr. French advised that an article was to be included in the May addition of "The Voice"

10.0. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

10.1. Uckfield Railway Line Parishes

Nothing to report.

10.2. West Park LNR and Hempstead Meadows LNR – Supporters Group

Cllr. French advised that she had been unable to attend the meeting but hoped that the committee would agree to accept the copy of the Minutes previously circulated.

Item 5 Ranger – Members raised concerns regarding the statement from the Ranger regarding problems with the Boardwalk and that it would need to be replaced. Members asked for clarification from the Ranger on a time scale for its replacement, on receipt of the information a request is to be submitted to the General Purposes Committee to provide a budget.

Report noted.

10.3. Uckfield and District Twinning

Nothing to report.

10.4. Age Concern

Nothing to report.

10.5. Luxford Centre Management Committee

Report noted.

10.6. Active Uckfield Group

10.7. Wealden Bus Alliance

11.0 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

The meeting finished at 19.15hrs.