

# UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of the **Environment and Leisure Committee** held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.00pm.

## **PRESENT:**

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

Cllr. D. French  
Cllr. K. Everett  
Cllr. H. Firth  
Cllr. I. Smith

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Cllr. P. Meakin and P. Sparks  
2 Members of the public  
2 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**

Mr. P. Selby wished to speak on item 4.1. Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017. He stated that discussions with Councillors were still ongoing regarding the Ridgewood Recreation ground.

Mr J. Moar wished to speak on item 7.1 Strengthening Local Relationships Meetings. Mr Moar stated that he understood that parking in Downsvue Crescent was due to be discussed at a forthcoming meeting and wished to highlight access problems. He felt that vehicles parking and leaving parking spaces when dropping/picking up children from nearby schools was getting out of hand. He was concerned that emergency vehicles would be unable to gain access and they were currently experiencing problems with dustbin collection, due to access issues.

He stated that he had lived in the area for five years and the uphill direction, left-hand carriageway grass verges were currently non-existent due to vehicles parking on them. He felt that there were several solutions to the problem including bollards on either one or both sides; a one-way system and possible parking restrictions. He also thought the 'Walk and Talk scheme launched by a nearby residents' association hadn't made any reduction to the parking. He

would therefore encourage the committee to discuss this with the County Council at the meeting.

Cllr. P. Sparks wished to speak on item 7.1 Strengthening Local Relationships Meetings. Cllr. Sparks wished to update the committee on the three items for consideration:

Item 1 – The children’s slow down signs had now been replaced and required no further action.

Item 2 - The Downsvie Crescent ‘Walk and Talk’ scheme had recently been launched and it was felt that it would take a while to see any improvements but everyone was optimistic. The Residents Association had considered the installation of bollards and a meeting is due to take place with the County’s Licensing and Enforcement Team to hopefully take things forward.

Item 3 - The concern about speeding traffic in Browns Lane was still an ongoing issue.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J. Beckford.

### **4.0. MINUTES**

#### **4.1. Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**EL 62.05.17** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 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 45.12.16 Reverend Cardale Memorial

EL 62.04.17 Reverend Cardale Memorial

EL 50.01.17 Cold Calling Stickers

EL 61.04.17 Strengthening Local Relationship Meetings

Temporary access from Victoria Pleasure Ground to St Phillips Catholic Primary School – A survey is to be undertaken the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> June and volunteers are required.

#### **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.

#### **5.3. Carry forward of unspent revenue budget 2016/2017**

Members considered a previously circulated report regarding two items where budgets needed to be carried forward.

**EL 63.05.17**

It was **RESOLVED** that the following sums be carried forward from the 2016/2017 financial year to the 2017/2018 financial year.

- 1) Street light supply and maintenance £9,000.
- 2) Street light repairs £4,000.

**6.0. ADMINISTRATION**

**6.1. To Appoint Members to Outside Bodies**

- a) West Park L.N.R.
- b) Hempstead Meadows L.N.R.

**EL 64.05.17**

It was **RESOLVED** that the following representatives be appointed:

- a) Hempstead Meadow Local Nature Reserve
  - Cllr D. French.
  - Substitute, Cllr. D. Bennett
- b) West Park Local Nature Reserve
  - Cllr. M. Dean
  - Substitute, Cllr.D. Ward

**7.0. ENVIRONMENT**

**7.1. Strengthening Local Relationships Meetings**

Members considered a previously circulated report and took note of the comments made by members of the public. It was also agreed that the County Council should consider the possibility of a 20mph speed limit on all estate and residential roads in the town. Attention should also be drawn to the vacancy for a school crossing person at Manor Park.

**EL 65.05.17**

Following further discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the following items be placed on the agenda for the next Strengthening Local Relationships meeting:-

- There is great concern about the speed of traffic along Browns Lane even though the surface is not good. What are the prospects of a 20mph limit? It is understood that a speed check would need to be undertaken and the Manor Park Residents Association would consider cost sharing if this was a certainty to happen;
- The County Council consider the possibility of a 20mph speed limit on all estate and residential roads in the town;
- That attention is drawn to the vacancy of the school crossing person at Manor Park.

**7.2. Speed Indication Device**

Members considered a previously circulated report and noted that only one volunteer had come forward. It was also felt that the Town Council would be unable to run the indication device and felt this should be supported by resident associations and community groups. Further volunteers then came forward at the meeting.

**EL 66.05.17**

Following further debate it was **RESOLVED** that the volunteers be asked to ascertain from the County Council how the device will be operated, the training required etc.

**7.3. Results of a review of Local Wildlife Sites in Uckfield**

Members felt that the report was very comprehensive and wished to acknowledge the authors of the report. It was further felt that there should be interpretation boards and a press release once they are in place. This is to be considered during the budget setting process.

**EL 67.05.17** It was **RESOLVED** to congratulate, thank and acknowledge the author of the report and that consideration be given in the budget for further interpretation boards.

**8.0. LEISURE**

8.1. Hughes Way Play Area Update  
Members noted the report.

8.2. Allotment Conference and Competition  
Members considered a previously circulated report and felt that there should be an Allotment Conference where discussions could be held to establish what allotment holders would like to see should there be a competition in future years and if this could follow a different format.

**EL 68.05.17** Following further discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that a conference be arranged for the last week of August/first week of September and the Allotment competition should form part of the agenda.

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

9.1. Ridgewood Recreation Ground  
Nothing to report.

9.2. Road Safety  
Nothing to report.

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

10.1. Uckfield Railway Line Parishes  
Nothing to report.

10.2. Informal Wealden Line Steering Group  
Nothing to report.

10.3. West Park LNR and Hempstead Meadows LNR – Supporters Group  
Nothing to report.

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 7.40pm