

HOUGHTON REGIS TOWN COUNCIL
Environment & Leisure Committee
Minutes of the meeting held on
26th September 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: A Slough Chairman
P Burgess
Y Farrell
D Jones Substitute
T McMahon
R Morgan
S Thorne

Officers: Clare Evans Town Clerk
Louise Senior Head of Democratic Services

Public: 0

Apologies: Councillor: E Cooper

Also present: Councillor: J Carroll

12159 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Cooper (Cllr Jones substituted).

12160 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

12161 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

12162 MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2022.

An amendment was made to minute number 12068 to read:

No other nominations were received. On being put to the vote, Councillor Farrell was duly appointed as Vice-Chair of the Environment and Leisure Committee for the municipal year 2022 - 2023.

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Environment & Leisure Committee meeting held on 13th June 2022 and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

12163 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING WORKING GROUPS AND CONSIDER ANY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

Allotments Working Group

12th July 2021

Resolved: To receive the Minutes detailed above.

12164 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Members received the income and expenditure report, highlighting significant variances, for Environment & Leisure Committee to date.

It was queried why accounts information had not been received for some time, members were advised that the Corporate Services Committee had agreed two councillors would receive the accounts for approval, however, the full list of accounts would remain available with Corporate Services agendas.

12165 TITHE FARM ALL WEATHER UPDATE

Members received a report which provided an update on the Tithe Farm Recreation Ground Sports Project.

Members were advised there had been a delay due to the discharging of SuDS (sustainable drainage systems) pre-commencement condition, which had now been discharged, and the highways condition was in the process of being discharged as queries raised had been responded to. Members were advised that a Relationship Manager had been appointed.

Members requested sight of the preliminary plans for the site.

Resolved: To approve the conceptional ideas for pedestrian and cycle links between Linnere and Tithe Farm Recreation Ground and for this additional work to be taken forward.

12166 ANNUAL PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

Members were provided with the outcomes of the annual play area inspection.

Members were updated on the repair progress of the recent accident site on the Village Green, it was expected that repairs would be carried out within the next few weeks, however, the play area had seen some vandalism since the area had been cordoned off.

**Resolved: 1. To note the remedial works to address the moderate risk;
2. To accept the low risks as identified and to continue monitor.**

12167 MEMORIAL BENCH, HOUGHTON REGIS CEMETERY

Members were requested to consider a bespoke bench for the Cemetery at the request of a local family.

Members were advised that the final design would be chosen by the family from a pre-designated selection.

Resolved: In light of the special circumstances, to permit on this occasion a bespoke bench to be installed in Houghton Regis Cemetery.

12168 BIDWELL WEST - COUNTRYSIDE RECREATION OPEN SPACE

Members were provided with detail and options around the potential future management of the Bidwell West Countryside recreation open space.

Members discussed the maintenance impact once adopted by Houghton Regis Town Council, it was suggested that it would be fairly low impacting due the natural nature of the site once initial works had been completed.

Resolved: To confirm to CBC that the Town Council would welcome the transfer of plot AA as shown on drawing 5331/OSP/ASP09.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.43pm

Dated this 14th day of November 2022.

Chairman



