

Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held on Monday 24 February 2020, commencing at 7.50pm when there were present:

Mrs M Temple in the Chair
Mrs B Clarke Mrs P Mooney
Mrs C Karimi-Ghovanlou Mrs S Parkinson
Mr S Matthews

Also present: Clerk

Apologies for absence

Charles Ison – Illness
Judy Tyler – Holiday
Chris Wilson-Town – Family commitments

Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda None. Councillors Temple and Pennells reminded the meeting that they were members of the District Council’s Standards Committee

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 23 September and 16 December 2019 were confirmed by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising and Report Items

Request for works to oak T18: A resident adjacent to Thorpe Marriott Green had requested that the tree underwent works to reduce the overhang/shadowing to his garden. Substantial work to the tree had been carried out a couple of years previously. Mr Allaway’s recent annual tree survey had not identified any safety work for that tree. Trees T17 and T19 had needed dead branches to be removed and this work had been completed. The Clerk had discussed the resident’s request with Mr Allaway who had advised that the District Council would not grant permission to carry out the resident’s request. The Clerk had relayed that information to the resident and advised him that he was welcome to apply to the District Council for permission for non-safety works to the tree and that, in the unlikely event that permission was granted, the Council would be requested to consider carrying out the works. The resident had been also advised that he would be liable for any costs he incurred in making that application.

To consider quote for bark top-up at Thorpe Marriott Green Play Area

Ms Temple proposed, seconded Mrs Latchford, to accept the quote from TMA Bark for 40m3 of pine nuggets in the sum of £1525.20 and the quote from RGM in the sum of £675 to distribute the bark. The proposal was unanimously agreed.

To consider quote to reduce height of shrubs at Alder Way

The Clerk had received complaints regarding anti-social behaviour in the shrubs at the rear of Alder Way play area. The local police were also aware of the behaviour. Mrs Karimi-Ghovanlou proposed, seconded Mrs Latchford, to accept the quote in the sum of £185 from Garden Guardian to reduce the height of the shrubs to ensure that youths could not be hidden from view. The proposal was unanimously agreed.

Play area inspections and Annual Risk Assessment 18 December 2019: to note the content of the inspector’s report and consequent action taken

Councillors had all received a copy of the inspections. An up to date action list had also been distributed. It was requested that the safety surfacing was sprayed with moss killer.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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