

Kingsbridge Town Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD AT 9.30 A.M. ON FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER 2018

Present: Cllr Graham Price (Chairman)
Cllr Anne Balkwill
Cllr Robin Griffin
Lesley Healey
Lisa Miller
Verity Robinson
Rosemary Speed

In Attendance: Martin Johnson (Secretary)

18/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs John Gall & Mike Jennings, Marika Byrne, David Dain and David Hurrell.

Public Open Forum

There were no members of public present.

18/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

18/16 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 27 July 2018 were approved as a correct record.

18/17 PLAY AREA/AMENITY SPACE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Members had conducted a thorough walkabout of all play areas/amenity spaces at the previous meeting and had considered South Hams District Council's (SHDC) capital investment programme for 2018-21 and information requested from the Town Council (KTC). Members sighted indicative designs and costs from a play equipment provider for the town's play areas.

After discussion, it was **RECOMMENDED** to:

- Propose to SHDC full refits i.e. new play equipment including surfacing for Duncombe Park's children's play area and Montagu Road play area.
- Arrange an early meeting with SHDC Assets/Place Making officer to discuss how to progress the above.
- Propose play areas at Homelands (play equipment already removed) and Wallingford Road (grassed area/2 swings only) should not be considered for improvements and effectively be withdrawn.

- Propose no immediate improvements be considered for Trebblepark play area and Church Street amenity space.
- Note the requirement for ongoing play area maintenance in the Recreation Ground and Duncombe Park (remote from the above children's play area).

18/18 OPEN SPACE, SPORT & RECREATION PLAN

Members noted a budget at £3,000 for Kingsbridge OSSR projects for the current financial year 2018/19; reviewed existing OSSR quantity, quality and accessibility shortfalls/projects listing. After discussion, it was **RECOMMENDED** for KTC to provide access improvements to Briton's Field, which may include installation of a cinder track, in liaison with SHDC and Kingsbridge In Bloom.

18/19 RECREATION GROUND – COMMUNITY HUB

Kingsbridge Community Tennis (Lesley, Lisa & Verity) reported on their ambition for either a refurbishment of the current Cottage (currently used by Kingsbridge Park Bowls Club and SHDC Grounds Maintenance) in the Recreation Ground or a new build Community Hub at the same location or elsewhere in the park. The proposal was included as a project within the Kingsbridge OSSR. They had held a recent meeting with representatives from SHDC, South Hams Community & Voluntary Service, South Hams Area Wellbeing and the Town Clerk; and would produce a scoping study for the next meeting to be held at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 7 December 2018 having liaised with interested parties. It was **RECOMMENDED** to note progress for a new Community Hub in the Recreation Ground and for the Town Clerk to assist the Community Tennis team.

18/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 1 February 2019 at 9.30 a.m. in Quay House (changed from original scheduled date of 25 January 2019).

The meeting closed at 10.40 a.m.