



ATTLEBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee Held on Monday, 16 September 2019 at 5.00 pm in the Town Hall

Present:

Cllr T Crouch – presiding
Cllr B Bulmer Cllr V Dale Cllr T Taylor Cllr B Cousins
Cllr A Busk Cllr J Ellis Cllr D Redmond
In attendance – Gina Lopes – CEO and Clerk to Attleborough Town Council
Anne Willett – CEO's Assistant (minute taker)
21 x Public

ENV076 .19) Election of Committee Chairman

Two nominations were received for Committee Chairman as below:

Cllr Crouch proposed by Cllr Cousins, seconded by Cllr Bulmer

Cllr Taylor proposed by Cllr Ellis, seconded by Cllr Dale

RESOLVED by majority vote to elect Cllr T Crouch as Committee Chairman for the municipal year 2019/20.

ENV077.19) Election of Committee Vice-Chairman

Two nominations were received for Committee Vice-Chairman as below:

Cllr Redmond proposed by Cllr Bulmer, seconded by Cllr Cousins

Cllr Taylor proposed Cllr Grave, seconded by Cllr Ellis

RESOLVED by majority vote to elect Cllr Redmond as the Committee Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2019/20.

ENV078.19) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted as below:

Cllr Loades - Other Commitment

Cllr Grave - Holiday

ENV079.19 Declarations of Interest in items below

a) To receive and consider declarations of interest – None received.

b) To receive and consider any requests for dispensation of
Disclosable Pecuniary Interest – None received

ENV080.19) Public Participation

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned to allow the public to speak – See Public Participation Notes attached.

ENV081.19 Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 18 March 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2019 were noted.

ENV082.19 Skate Park

The CEO confirmed the park had been closed following an inspection because of H&S concerns relating to necessary repairs. Phil Doyle, play consultant had been consulted regarding the installation of a new wheel park which would be for multi-use. This park was already identified within the Recreation Ground Masterplan and Mr Doyle available to progress same. Members were asked to consider whether to repair and/or replace the skate park.

A lengthy discussion took place; points included

- Request to have a meeting with all Councillors and young residents
- Request to make skateboard repair or replace a priority
- To have a discussion with play consultant, Phil Doyle, as soon as possible
- CEO & Town Clerk will look at budget to identify funds for repair, indicative costs of £25,000 or replacement £100,000 to £200,000 and for consideration by GP & F Committee

On the motion of Cllr Dale, seconded by Cllr Crouch, it was

RESOLVED to repair and replace the skate park asap subject to identification of funds by GP&F Committee and community consultation

ACTION: CLERK/GP&F

ENV083.19 2019 'Anglia in Bloom' Awards

Cllr Crouch acknowledged and thanked Cllr Taylor, all the Grounds staff and also the Office staff for their successful achievements of 4 Silver Awards at the Anglia in Bloom competition. It was a "fantastic" result and will enter next year and hope to achieve Gold!

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm

Public Participation Notes:

The Chairman invited members of the Public to speak and points raised included the following:

- A resident queried whether the skate park had been closed due to professional advice and was informed a play equipment company had inspected the skate park with the assistance of a skate park specialist. Noted repairs had previously been carried out. Advice was to close the park and fence off for H&S.
- A resident queried whether the Town Council had received 3 quotes for repair. The CEO advised the current quote was indicative and for members' information not decision
- A resident queried whether there was a budget in place for play equipment repairs and maintenance – confirmed budget is considered each year
- Users of the skate park commented on different issues with the park – their comments were welcomed by the Members