

**REMOTE MEETING OF THE RECREATION, PARKS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020 AT 7.00PM**

**Present:**

Cllr A Allen	Cllr D Elphick
Cllr S Brooke	Cllr A Kerswell*
Cllr J Cole	Cllr K Morgan-West

**In attendance:**

Cllr G J Gribble\*\*/\*  
Mr M Wells – Town Clerk  
Mrs L Warren – Assistant to the Town Clerk  
Two members of the public

\*\*County Cllr  
\*District Cllr

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Allen

**Interest declared:** None

**RP&P.20/21 Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr J Arnold – Personal commitment

**\*\*Public Participation:**

**Mr P Beecher (Resident's Association)** relayed thanks from delivery drivers to the Town Council for keeping the public toilets at the Recreation Ground open during the Covid-19 lockdown.

**RP&P.20/22 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 (*\*copy previously circulated*) were confirmed as a correct record and were approved.

**RP&P.20/23 Standing Item – Climate Emergency:**

Members noted the Council Declaration to embed the climate emergency declaration across all Council services, activities, plans and other relevant work, considering the environmental impact of decisions, ensuring a fully integrated approach to mitigating the impact of climate change.

**RP&P.20/24 Licence Agreements – Riverside Community Centre:**

Members noted and considered the draft stakeholder licence agreements (*\*copies previously circulated*). The Town Clerk provided an update and advised that the Town Council's legal advice service will review the agreements. Further suggestions were made to include recycling standard credentials and the security of the building.

**Resolved:**

To approve the agreements in principle with the additional inclusions. To forward the documents to the legal advice service for scrutinising. To refer the agreements to the next FR&GP meeting for final approval and consideration of the licence fees.

**RP&P.20/25 Public Toilets – Recreation Ground: (RP&P.20/15)**

Item deferred from previous meeting, Members discussed the procurement of consumables and considered any further action as appropriate. The Town Clerk provided an update and advised that the repair of the wallgate hand washing/drying systems is progressing. He confirmed that consumables are environmentally acceptable in line with the Council's climate emergency declaration.

**RP&P.20/26 Litter Bins – Council Owned Parks & Open Spaces:**

Item brought forward by Cllr Brooke. Cllr Brooke provided an update. A discussion took place regarding the volume of litter, recycling/disposal costs and how to reduce the amount of litter left by users of the park.

**Resolved:**

The Communications Group will prepare a press release advising on the environmental impact the litter has and encouraging people to take their litter home. An update will be provided at the next Committee meeting when further consideration will be given to the purchase/sponsorship of new bins.

**RP&P.20/27 Saving Devon Treescapes:**

Members considered a tree planting report on behalf of the Climate Emergency Bovey and Heathfield (CEBH) Group (*\*copy previously circulated*) and subsequent recommendations within.

**Resolved:**

- i) To support in principle the planting of trees at the specified locations at Rendells Meadow and the small green space off Le Molay-Littry Way/Churchfields Drive.
- ii) To consult with the public by including an article and questionnaire link in the next Quality Update newsletter.
- iii) To support the distribution of South Devon's Treescapes Free Tree Scheme, a small supply of wildflower seeds and planting guidance sheets at the Riverside Community Centre following its opening.

**RP&P.20/28 Play Areas, Skate Park & Trim Trail:**

Members noted the recent re-opening of these areas in accordance with Government guidelines. The Town Clerk provided an update. He advised on the regular cleansing of the play equipment and the removal of swings in order to provide social distancing. Cllr Brooke extended thanks to the groundsmen for their efforts.

Cllr Cole reported that three items of play equipment require attention.

**RP&P.20/29 Strategic Plan – Recreation, Parks & Property Committee Responsibilities:**

Members discussed Committee responsibilities (*\*copy previously circulated*) and considered further action as appropriate. Following a discussion it was agreed to hold a further meeting to establish an action plan encompassing more detail to achieve the aims and objectives. The Town Clerk will arrange a meeting and notify Councillors.

**RP&P.20/30 Town Council Artefacts:**

Members considered the future location of items currently displayed/stored in the Town Hall (*\*details previously circulated*). The Town Clerk advised that the Heritage Trust is prepared to display/store items.

**Resolved:**

To further consider the matter when the move to the Riverside Community Centre is imminent.  
To thank the Heritage Trust for its offer.

\*\* Cllr Gribble advised that it is hoped that the old siren can be refixed on the old Town Hall.  
He also noted that the Town Council owned a bier which is stored locally.

**RP&P.20/31 Matters brought forward by the Town Clerk & Councillors: *(for information)***

**Cllr Elphick** referred to the presence of an official looking person observing a cricket match and enquired if the Town Clerk had any information. The Town Clerk confirmed that he had no information.

The meeting closed at 8.14pm

