

**RECREATION, PARKS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019 AT 7.17PM**

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

Cllr G J Gribble\*\*/\*  
Mr M Wells – Town Clerk  
One member of the press  
Three members of the public

\*\*County Cllr

\*District Cllr

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Allen.

**Interests declared:** None

**RP&P.19/40 Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr J Arnold - Leave

**\*\*Public Participation:** None

**RP&P.19/41 Minutes:**

The Town Clerk provided an update re. item RP&P.19/35. Cllr Cole provided an update re. item RP&P.19/36.  
The minutes of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 (*\*copy previously circulated*) were confirmed as a correct record and were approved.

**RP&P.19/42 Standing Item – Climate Emergency:**

Members noted the Council Declaration and will embed the climate emergency declaration across all Council services, activities, plans and other relevant work, considering the impact (emissions and biodiversity etc) of decisions, ensuring a fully integrated and systematic approach to the Council's own response to this challenge.

Cllr Allen also noted:

- i) that he had attended Teignbridge Emergency Action Group meeting which was excellent.
- ii) that Cllrs Fletcher and Mills are holding an informal meeting of the Environment Work Group at Café 360 on 16<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm.
- iii) that Dartmoor National Park Authority is holding a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am to consider declaring a climate emergency.

**RP&P.19/43 Brimley Field - Consultation:**

Members considered a deferred item from Full Council (AM.19/15 iii) to allow consultation with neighbouring property and landowners. Following discussion it was

**Resolved:**

To organise a meeting at Wickham Hall during the summer recess, inviting residents of Challabrook Lane, Brimley Park and Brimley Vale, to update them on the current situation and invite comment/feedback.

**RP&P.19/44 Bovey Tracey Cemetery – Coombe Lane:**

The Town Clerk provided an update on current capacity levels for cremation and burial plots. Following discussion it was

**Resolved:**

To invite a spokesperson to a future Committee Meeting who has experience in setting up natural burial site(s).

**RP&P.19/45 Dartmoor Way – Re-launch:**

Members considered a request from the re-launch Project Manager (*\*copy previously circulated*).

**Resolved:**

To approve the request to install waymarkers in the locations identified.

**RP&P.19/46 Mill Marsh Park:**

Item brought forward by Cllr Cole to discuss a wider review of Mill Marsh Park (MMP) and consider action as appropriate. Following discussion it was

**Resolved:**

That Cllr Cole lead the formation of an advisory Working Group to seek views from as wide a range of park users/key stakeholders as possible (focussing on MMP initially) to ascertain if current facilities meet the needs/identify gaps/improvements. A future report to be brought back to the Committee.

**RP&P.19/47 Contemporary Craft Festival 2020:**

Members considered a request from the Director of the Contemporary Craft Festival for the use of Mill Marsh Park from 6<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and Bullands Field from 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The proposed dates of the Craft Festival are 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

**Resolved:**

- i) To approve the request, subject to agreeing to an appropriate clause/bond payment for any reinstatement works (if necessary) following the event.
- ii) To request that the event organiser considers organising the event in as environmentally friendly manner as feasible.

**RP&P.19/48 Nourish Festival – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August or Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020:**

Members considered a request for the use of Bullands Field and Mill Marsh Park on either Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August or Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020 for parking for festival traders (Bullands) and festival visitors (Mill Marsh Park).

**Resolved:**

- i) To approve the request, subject to confirming the date.

ii) To request that the Town Council have a stall at the 2019 and 2020 events.

**RP&P.19/49 Devon Sharks 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Juniors Event:**

Members considered a request (*\*copy previously circulated*) to hold a juniors rugby league tournament at Bullands Field on 17<sup>th</sup> August from 10am to 7pm.

**Resolved:**

To approve the request with the proviso that no inflatable attractions are used.

**RP&P.19/50 Station Road Car Park – Draft Lease:**

Members considered the draft lease (*\*copy previously circulated*). The Town Clerk updated Members on the content of the lease.

**Resolved:**

To approve the draft lease.

**RP&P.19/51 Matters brought forward by the Town Clerk & Councillors: (*for information*)**

**Cllr Morgan-West** suggested creating an award system for volunteer contributions (e.g. individuals and groups) to the town.

**Cllr Light** noted that he has reported to the Town Clerk various maintenance issues with street furniture and drains in the Heathfield area.

**Cllr Morgan-West** highlighted concerns that Brimley Post Office will close on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019. It was suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to the current operators.

**Cllr Allen** reported:

- i) that a Royal Mail post box in the town has graffiti on it.
- ii) that a second-hand book shop has opened in Fore Street.

The meeting closed at 8.17pm.