

**RECREATION., PARKS & PROPERTY & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2019 AT 7PM**

Present:

Cllr A Allen
Cllr J Cole

Cllr D K Elphick
Cllr K Morgan-West

In attendance:

Cllr G J Gribble**/*
Cllr A J Kerswell*
Mr M Wells – Town Clerk
Mrs L Warren – Assistant to the Town Clerk
One member of the press
Two members of the public

**County Cllr
*District Cllr

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Allen

Interest declared: None

RP&P.19/62 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr J Arnold – Personal commitment
Cllr S Brooke – Leave
Cllr S Light – Work commitment

****Public Participation:** None

RP&P.19/63 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 14th October 2019 (**copy previously circulated*) were confirmed as a correct record and were approved.

RP&P.19/64 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 environmental impact of decisions, ensuring a fully integrated approach to mitigating the impact of climate change.

RP&P.19/65 Highway Verges – Grass Cutting - 2020/21:

Members considered the continuation of highway verge grass cutting for 2020/21 (**copy of draft agreement previously circulated*). The Town Clerk provided an update.

Resolved:

To renew the Urban Highway Grass Cutting Agreement with DCC for 2020/21 and to continue with the services of the current contractor.

RP&P.19/66 South West in Bloom:

Members received and noted feedback from the 2019 judging (**copy previously circulated*) and considered entering the competition in 2020.

Resolved:

To enter the competition in 2020. To place an item on the Full Council agenda to seek a nominee to assist Mr R Taylor with the competition arrangements.

RP&P.19/67 Community Centre Development:

Members received and noted the Contractor's Monthly Report number 01 (**copy previously circulated*). The Town Clerk provided an update on progress. Members considered delegating power to the Town Clerk to manage leaseback arrangements when relocating the garage/workshop.

Resolved:

To delegate power to the Town Clerk to manage leaseback arrangements.

RP&P.19/68 Quantified Tree Risk Assessment (QTRA)/Ash Die Back:

Members considered undertaking surveys on Council owned land. The Town Clerk provided an update. He noted that there is evidence that some trees are affected by ash die back and therefore it would be useful to undertake a joint survey.

Resolved:

To undertake the surveys as set out above.

RP&P.19/69 Nourish Festival 2020 – Use of Bullands Field and Mill Marsh Park:

Members considered a request on behalf of the Nourish Festival to use Mill Marsh Park and Bullands Field for parking of vehicles on Saturday 29th August 2020. A discussion took place.

Resolved:

To grant the request in principle subject to the Festival organisers marshalling the parking arrangements and ensuring that no vehicles are parked on the rugby pitch at Bullands Field. To request that the Devon Sharks do not schedule a rugby game on the day. Arrangements subject to weather conditions.

RP&P.19/70 Erosion – Mill Marsh Park:

Members considered appropriate action. The Town Clerk provided further information on three suggested schemes. Following a discussion it was considered that Scheme A was acceptable providing this met with the requirements of the Environment Agency.

Resolved:

To refer to Finance, Resources and General Purposes Committee for financial consideration.

RP&P.19/71 VJ Day – 75th Anniversary:

Members considered a request (**copy previously circulated*) to undertake activities to recognise the 75th Anniversary. It was noted that Rev G Hamilton at PPT Church is prepared to arrange a service.

Resolved:

To request a detailed proposal of the service from Rev Hamilton and then refer the matter to Full Council for consideration.

RP&P.19/72 Matters brought forward by the Town Clerk & Councillors: (*for information*)

Cllr Cole advised that Bovey Tracey Primary School would like to use Bullands Field for a cross-country event on 18th March 2020. The Town Clerk recommended that the School write/email the request for consideration by the Committee.

Cllr Allen:

- i) Thanked Cllr Cole for arranging the Christmas Lights Switch-on event.
- ii) Advised that the Climate Action Group has identified various locations in the parish suitable for tree planting. A National Lottery bid for funding has been successful

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.