

ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday 26 January 2021 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors: J Allinson, M Bridge, P Collins
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Mrs K Fry – Clerk

There was 1 member of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and explained the meeting etiquette.

178. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies of absence were received from Councillor Scudamore.

179. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

180. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR

The financial report had been circulated and was noted.

181. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ALLOTMENT SITES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ALLOTMENT TENANTS MEETING

A tenant asked where the horse manure was coming from and can we arrange for this to arrive more frequent.

RESOLVED The Clerk agreed to email around to all tenants asking if anyone knew of the contact details. It is important to look into the quality of the manure and what pesticide has been used beforehand.

A tenant raised concerns of foxes on the allotment site eating the produce.

RESOLVED The Clerk agreed to contact South Gloucestershire Council for ways to deter them from the site. The Chairman asked tenants not to feed or encourage them as this could lead to unwelcome visitors such as rats.

A tenant thanked the Council for all of the work put in towards the new tenancy agreement.

A tenant forwarded an email to the Clerk for discussion around unworked plots. It was suggested that if someone takes on a plot and it is unworked or not started work by April then this tenancy is revoked. The Chairman advised that with the extra site inspections happening now on the site that issues like this will be picked up before they become a problem.

Councillor Bridge advised that the fencing attached to the new fencing at the new Redfield Hill Playpark has a weak point and can easily be accessed from the footpath.

RESOLVED the Clerk to chase CR Fencing for some additional clips.

182. CREATIVE ARTS

It was agreed to reawaken the Creative Arts competition in form of writing entries rather than models.

RESOLVED Councillor Allinson to contact the schools and get the word out.

183. BITTON IN BLOOM

Councillors discussed the Bitton in Bloom Competition.

RESOLVED to keep this to Allotment sites only this year.

184. PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The Clerk reported that entries are starting to come in for the Photographic Competition. Councillor Allinson requested that Sir Bernard Lovell be emailed.

RESOLVED the Clerk to email Sir Bernard Lovell School the poster.

185. TO CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- a) **Local Footpath Walks.** Remains on hold.
- b) **Friendship & Exercise Club.** A new agreement has been signed but current classes remain on hold.

The meeting ended at 7.54 pm.

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Chairman