

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ESTATES & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
HELD REMOTELY ON
THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.00PM

Present: Councillor C Briggs (Chairman)

Councillors: S Roe F W Lee N Blanchard B Sellars J Charters
Mrs J Charters N Tully A Mason

In Attendance: Clerks to the Committee: Mrs R Brown, Mrs S Green
1 member of the public

The member of the public were muted

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF REASONS GIVEN**

AGREED Proposed by Cllr Tully, seconded by Cllr Lee
To accept reasons for absence received from: Cllrs Killingsworth,
& Edwards
Unanimous

2. **RECEIPT OF ANY DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011**

None received at this point.

3. **NOTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9th JULY 2020 BE APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD OF MINUTES**

AGREED Proposed by Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Charters
The minutes dated 9th July 2020 be approved as a true record
Unanimous by those who had attended that meeting

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

None at this point

5. **CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS ITEMS**

The Clerk advised that following the last meeting, a letter had been sent to LCC regarding the parking issues at Ripley Drive and that a response had been received advising that they had visited the road and parking had not been an issue. It was felt that with the COVID restrictions easing that the problem should be reduced, but that parking issues are a police matter and should be reported to them.

6. **SERVICE STAFF REPORT**

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that repairs will be needed to the Skatepark next year, and the Clerk was asked to obtain an indication of the cost prior to the next meeting so an informed figure could be included in the precept.

7. **REPORT FROM SERVICE SUPERVISOR REGARDING REMOVAL OF GATE AND CONDITION OF GRASS AT GLEBE PARK**

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

AGREED Proposed by Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Lee
to remove the gate at Glebe Park for a trial period and monitor and report
back to next meeting
Unanimous

8. REQUEST FOR A CRAFT FAIR TO BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HUB

The Clerk advised that a request had been received about the possibility of holding a craft fair at the Hub this Autumn. Concern was expressed about whether this would be allowed, how the numbers could be restricted, what will happen about track and trace.

AGREED Proposed by Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Lee
that the Clerk check the guidelines and obtain more information from the member of the public
Unanimous

9. REQUEST FOR CHANGES TO CYCLE TRACK AT FEN LANE RECEIVED – CLLR ROE

Cllr Roe advised that he had been approached by a young man who uses the cycle track at Fen Lane and he had asked whether the council would consider expanding it and fencing it in to make it safe. It was suggested that two more tracks could be added.

AGREED Proposed by Cllr Roe, seconded by Cllr Blanchard
that the Clerk and Services Supervisor investigate the possibilities and bring some proposals back to the next meeting
Unanimous

10. UPGRADE DOG BIN TO CO-MINGLED BIN IN CORNER NEAR THIRLEMERE CLOSE

The Clerk advised that a request had been received to upgrade the dog bin to a co-mingled bin on Witham Fields at the corner near Thirlemere Close as there are no waste bins in this area, and the litter gets blown into the Close.

AGREED Proposed by Cllr Roe, seconded by Cllr Lee
to order a co-mingled bin and install it on Witham Fields.
Unanimous

11. UTILITY QUOTES RECEIVED

The Clerk advised that the council had been contacted by a couple of companies looking to fix the energy prices for the Hub from when the current contract expires. The quotes requested had not been received prior to the meeting.

AGREED Proposed by Cllr Charters, seconded by Cllr Lee
to defer this matter to the next meeting when the quotes should be available
Unanimous

12. QUOTE FOR TEMPORARILY DECOMMISSIONING THE ENTIRE WATER SYSTEM AT THE HUB

The Clerk advised that the boiler at the Hub is currently heating the water in the tanks, purely for use by the showers and as these are not in use it was considered it might be more cost effective to decommission the boiler until such time as the showers are used.

AGREED Proposed by Cllr Charters, seconded by Cllr Briggs
that the cost for recommissioning the boiler is obtained, so the committee can assess the financial implications of decommissioning.
Unanimous

13. USE OF THE FIELD AT THE COMMUNITY HUB

The Clerk advised that some suggestions had been received from Hykeham Tigers which they would like the Council to consider.

AGREED Proposed by Cllr Rose, seconded by Cllr Briggs
to suspend Standing Orders to allow Steve Lamming to address the Councillors about their suggestions
Unanimous

Live streaming was suspended at 7.30pm

Steve Lamming explained their suggestions to the Councillors and they had the opportunity to ask questions

Live streaming was resumed at 7.45pm

There was some discussion regarding the ideas raised and it was questioned whether we wish to have football pitches at the Hub as well as Fen Lane or whether we should make the space available to other sports.

AGREED

Proposed by Cllr Charters, seconded by Cllr Mason

That S Lamming provides a more detailed proposal, having measured the area to assess the number of pitches available. That the marketing opportunities are assessed and the cost of football at the Hub, the demand for extra pitches and the revenue that could be obtained be documented and a report given to the next meeting

Unanimous

14. REQUEST TO ERECT SIGNAGE AT FEN LANE BY HYKEHAM TIGERS

The Tigers had provided suggested signage, as they would like to advertise that Fen Lane is their home. The term "the Jungle" was felt to possibly have unwelcome connotations for football.

AGREED

Proposed by Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Sellars

to accept in principle the request for signage, subject to an agreement on the details.

Unanimous

15. RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM SOUTH HYKHEAM PARISH COUNCIL RE POPPYFIELDS

The response received had been circulated prior to the meeting. SHPC are not in a position to be able to maintain play equipment

AGREED

Proposed by Cllr Charters, seconded by Cllr Roe

That NHTC apply for the S106 monies and discuss the details of how best to invest the monies and include an allowance for ongoing maintenance.

Unanimous

16. ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN PARKS

The Clerk had forwarded correspondence that had been received regarding antisocial behaviour in various parks during lockdown. The Committee noted the comments and felt that it is a police matter and that members of the public should be encouraged to report any incidences. It was also felt that many of the issues had gone away to an extent following the easing of lockdown restrictions.

17. REPLACEMENT OF VAUXHALL VIVARO

The Clerk had received up to date quotes.

AGREED

Proposed by Cllr Charters, seconded by Cllr Roe

That the long wheel base Vivaro be ordered following approval under Emergency Powers up to a maximum of £250 per month

Unanimous

18. UPDATE ON PLAY EQUIPMENT

Councillor Blanchard advised that he and Cllr Edwards were looking at what equipment was not currently available in North Hykeham. There have been several meetings agreed with different play equipment suppliers to see what they recommended. A report would be presented at the next meeting for consideration.

19. INITIAL THOUGHTS ON NEXT YEAR'S PRECEPT

Some work is needed on the Skatepark. The Services Supervisor has mentioned various pieces of equipment, and it was asked that further details are provided regarding the requirement, benefits, costs etc of a chipper and a tractor. The possible extension to the bike dirt track.

20. TO RESOLVE WHETHER THE COUNCIL WILL MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 AS AMENDED BY SECTION 100 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 FOR THE FOLLOWING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS:

RESOLVED Proposed by Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Mason
to move into Closed session for item 21

21. DISCUSSION RE FOOTBALL ISSUES

The meeting close at 8.17pm

Action	By whom	By when	Completed

