

ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEETUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2018 (10 Am – 11.45 pm)PRESENT:

Councillor Cross (Chairman); Councillors Schofield, Thompson and Underdown

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Woodall

RESOLVED ITEMS01. MINUTES

The last meeting of the Committee was not quorate so the minutes were produced in note form and were noted.

02. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public attended the meeting to hear the discussion on the Biodiversity Plan. They made a suggestion that reflected previous work on the Councils emerging Tree Policy that an area approach to our asset be adopted and that site specific plans come from the bio diversity plan.

03. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Underdown – Foreshore and Dinghy Park

04. BIODIVERSITY PLAN

The assistant Clerk ran through the action plan linked to the recently commissioned Biodiversity Plan. Members discussed the Plan and welcomed its findings. They made the following comments:

- Not appropriate to establish a bog garden in the cemetery
- Create notices to put on site where measures are being taken
- Investigate the success of existing bird and bat boxes before agreeing locations for further sites
- Review arrangements for managing brambles and hedgerows along pathways to avoid the need to cut/trim in the nesting season
- To use the Community Hub to promote a range of activities and to identify volunteers to help take projects forward

RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL

- (1) To adopt the Biodiversity Strategy and action plan and to identify immediate actions.**

05. MEMORIAL BENCHES

Members considered the paper presented setting out options for memorials on our public benches going forward. The following was agreed:

RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL

- (1) To adopt a new policy on the placement of commemorative plaques on memorial benches via a short Task and Finish Group**
- (2) Set a 10 year limit for new and existing plaques**
- (3) A fee of £350 per plaque with a maximum of 5 per bench**
- (4) Terms and conditions be reported to Council**

4a. TS MERCURY - MEMORIAL AND BENCH

Members considered the request from BP for work to be done to improve the Memorial and Bench especially given that this year will see the final parade of the TS Mercury Boys later in the year. Members felt that the process of repointing both sites needed to be done professionally although the views of the TS Mercury Working Group should be sought.

Prices should be sought and feedback given to BP

4b. REQUEST FOR A GREENHOUSE AT HAMBLE LANE ALLOTMENTS

It was agreed that the request for a polycarbonate greenhouse should be accepted as long as the size specification fell with the current dimensions stipulate for sheds at the allotment gardens and the structure was on a base of paving slabs.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

The Head Groundsman gave a summary of his findings to the Committee regarding replacement of items of equipment with battery powered items.

It will be more cost effective to purchase the batteries and chargers as part of the equipment package. The purchase of a battery back pack was also recommended.

The mower was highlighted as a priority issue in the recent vibration report.

Battery mowers are very expensive and the vibration ratings for current petrol mowers v battery are very similar. Currently the recommendation is to purchase a new petrol mower.

Resolved to purchase the new equipment as recommended in the Groundsman's report at a cost of £4606.30+vat in this financial year.

5b ELECTRICAL WOPRKS

Resolved to proceed with the cheapest quotation for the electrical works required to provide sockets in the sport pavilion changing rooms for the cleaners' equipment

Meeting closed 11:55am