

Main issues arising: Minutes of the previous meeting of 18th August 2014; Poynton 10k run; Shared space remedial programme; Operations Manager's update; Town Council bus shelter claim; Memorial bench; Easement of Town Council's Byelaws; Middlewood Station.

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2014 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, POYNTON

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr G King

Cllrs. B Lewis, I Hollingworth, Ms R Horsman, G Smith

Attending under SO56: Cllrs. M Beanland, C Gorst and R E West

24. Apologies for absence

Cllrs. G Bartos, Mrs S Horsman, Mrs J Sewart, A Smith and Mrs I Thornton-Maddocks

25. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

Cllr G King declared an interest in item 31 on the siting of a memorial bench on the basis that he and his wife are acquainted with the person requesting the bench, Mrs Sylvia Walker, and Mrs King is also a volunteer for Poynton in Bloom.

26. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th August 2014

Page 75 – Cllr Lewis asked if under the Shared Space remedial programme something is going to be done about the temporary solution that was applied to the section of Park Lane between the Bulkeley Road junction and the Working Men's Club at Poynton Green over two years ago. The Operations and Events Manager will make a note and investigate further.

Cllr West suggested that a "matters arising" item should be inserted into Committee agendas.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 18th August 2014 are approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (4 - 1abs)

27. Town 10k Run

Tom Birtles of Town 10k made a presentation and proposal for a Poynton 10k run. Members agreed it was an excellent idea. Cllr Gorst asked if the Town Council would need to pay for policing and the clear up required for the event. Tom explained that there will be a need for a small amount of policing. Marshalling for the event is included in the price. Clearing up afterwards is included too. Cllr Gorst noted that permission would be required from CE for use of the Middlewood Way. Tom explained that he had previously discussed this with the Town Clerk and would need assistance for the required road closures.

Cllr Hollingworth thanked Tom for a clear and concise report and added that Tom's energy and enthusiasm for the event is evident. Cllr Hollingworth asked if only 300 runners signed up to the event how the pro rata monies are affected. Tom explained that he could take a percentage of each entry and this could be another way of setting up the pricing, but the way he has set up the pricing structure means that entries over and above 335 would represent a surplus.

Cllr West noted that organising such an event will add to the Town Council officer workload. The Operations and Events Manager added that the Town Clerk has explained that as a runner he would be keen to be involved in this event outside of his normal role, and is willing to put in the additional work required.

Cllr Beanland asked about the duration of the event. Tom explained that the event would probably be from 10am to noon. Roads can be re-opened after the last runner has completed the run with the required clearing to take place on the day. Cllr Lewis proposed that Tom Birtles liaise with the Clerk and once the details have been firmed up he attends a Town Council meeting with the proposal.

RESOLVED: That the report is received and that Tom Birtles liaise with the Clerk and attends a Town Council meeting with a detailed proposal (NC)

28. Cheshire East Shared Space Remedial Programme

The Operations and Events Manager highlighted points from his written update on the CE Shared Space remedial programme.

Cllr Lewis reported that the levels on the forecourt outside the Ladybugs shop on Park Lane are wrong and were incorrectly set in the first instance. He also reported some setts that have been removed and replaced with tarmac on the St George's Church wall side on Chester Road. Cllr Lewis asked when the comprehensive review of parking which was promised at the end of the Shared Space will be carried out.

Cllr G Smith raised the issue of the resin bonding on the pavements. Following discussion Cllr West offered to follow up on this issue with Kevin Melling.

Cllr Hollingworth said that those involved in the short term remedial package needed to be congratulated because the work was well posted and work completed within the time scale.

Cllr G Smith said that I Guzzini, the lighting company, are very difficult to get hold of and asked for Cllr West's assistance on this matter. The Operations and Events Manager will liaise with Cllr West on this issue.

RESOLVED: That the written update from the Operations Manager on the Cheshire East Shared Space Remedial Programme is received (NC)

29. Operations Manager Update for August/September 2014

The Operations and Events Manager presented his written update for August/September 2014.

Street Scene

With reference to vehicles on the pavement near the Post Office, Cllr Lewis reported that the main culprit is the Post Office van that comes to pick up the mail. He suggested that perhaps the Town Council should write to the manager at Bramhall on this matter. Cllr Lewis added that there are no pavements in Shared Space so how can we prevent cars parking on this area. The Operations and Events Manager noted that this is a safety concern for pedestrians in the area. Cllr West said that there are pavements and this has been previously debated at length. Cllr Lewis said that in that case there is no Shared Space by definition.

Fingerpost opposite the end of Dickens Lane

Following discussion on the fingerpost, Members felt they needed more information before making a decision including who owns the fingerpost, is it insured or is it a matter for the Conservation Officer through Cheshire East Assets.

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Clerk explores with CE who owns the sign; that he approaches the conservation officer, investigates if it is insured, and reports back to the next meeting (NC)

Maple Drive verge tree.

It was agreed that the Operations and Events Manager pursues this issue with the Local Highways Officer and the Town Council give their support to this matter, which requires a solution.

Memorial Bench

Cllr Lewis noted that the bench should not be set against the church wall and it would be far better to place it in the big wide part of the footpath and turned

around to face the war memorial. Cllr Hollingworth said that a bench set in the middle of the pavement would leave the Town Council open to ridicule. Cllr Gorst suggested that this location would need to be checked and clarified with CE. The Operations and Events Manager will investigate this with CE and report back.

Street Lighting

Cllr King reported that there are faulty, flickering up-lighters below the trees by the Co-Op pharmacy on Park Lane.

Business Update

RESOLVED: That the request to cover the costs of the 2014 Poynton Awards for Customer Excellence is approved, up to a maximum of £1,000 (3 - 2 abs)

Asbestos Survey

Cllr King asked if it is safe for people to be working in an environment when asbestos is being removed. This information will be included in the report. Cllr West offered to look at the asbestos report and Members agreed that the report is referred to Cllr West when it becomes available.

Cllr Hollingworth reported an unsightly bent pole outside the Co-Op Pharmacy on Park Lane. The Operations and Events Manager explained that this will be removed under the new traffic restrictions when the new signage is installed.

Cllr Lewis requested a copy of the list of unresolved issues. The Operations and Events Manager reminded Members that he is happy to send an electronic copy of this report to any Member who makes a request as paper copies could run to 60 or 70 pages. He agreed to send this to Cllr Lewis.

Cllr Lewis reported that the first lamp post on the right on Towers Road has an intermittent fault. On Park Lane, Cllr Lewis said that reinstatement is required from the companies that have been digging up the road. He went on to report that opposite the residential home on the right hand side travelling up Park Lane there are two sections of tarmac that have no yellow lines on them. In the temporary solution from Bulkeley Road up to Poynton Green there is a section on the second to last house on the left before the Community Centre where the grey strip has not been replaced.

RESOLVED: That the report from the Operations Manager is received with thanks (NC)

30. Update on the Town Council Insurance Claim

Cllr Lewis proposed that the Clerk is instructed to take DAC Beachcroft to the small claims court for the Town Council's loss.

Following further discussion Members felt that seeking legal advice on this matter would be a better way forward. Cllr Lewis agreed and withdrew his proposal. Cllr King proposed that legal advice through Cllr Mrs Thornton-Maddocks is sought.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's letter of 29th August 2014 to DAC Beachcroft and the response dated 12th September 2014 is received and that legal advice is sought through Cllr Mrs Thornton-Maddocks (NC)

31. Memorial Bench

Cllr Lewis said that the siting of a bench on London Road North is not on Town Council land. He said that the request should have been sent to all members of the Committee.

RESOLVED: That the siting of a memorial bench is clarified and checked with CE (NC)

32. Easement of Town Council's Byelaws

Cllr Lewis proposed that the request from the Poynton Round Table for an easement of the Town Council's Byelaws on parks and open spaces, to enable their Civic Bonfire and Fireworks display to take place at Poynton Park on Saturday 8th November 2014 is approved, as long as they are informed that the Town Council does not have the authority to close the park and the footpaths. He said that instead of the uninformed opinion given at these meetings the Byelaws do not allow the Town Council to close the park and they should be informed as such in the letter.

Cllr West agreed and said this was just a qualifying statement.

RESOLVED: That the easement is granted with the condition that Poynton Round Table are informed that they do not have authority to close the park and the footpaths (NC)

33. Middlewood Station

RESOLVED: That the Town Council's response, regarding Middlewood Station, to a Department for Transport consultation on the new Northern and TransPennine Express rail franchises, as forwarded to the Department for Transport on 14th August 2014, is noted (NC)

The meeting concluded at 9.35pm