

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr L Berry

Cllrs: L A Clarke, Mrs S Horsman, Mrs Jo Sewart

Also in attendance under SO 54: Cllr H Murray, substituting for Cllr Saunders

Also in attendance under SO 56 from item 22b): Cllr M Sewart

Officers in attendance: L Osborn (Town Clerk), P Cunningham (Operations Manager) and T Juss (Minute Taker)

15. Anyone attending or present at the Committee meeting declares that they are making, or intend to make, an audio recording and/or film the meeting

The shorthand assistant confirmed that the meeting is recorded for the purposes of minute taking and the recording is deleted within a week when the draft minutes are produced.

There were no other declarations.

16. Questions from members of the public

A member of the public in attendance raised their concern about the condition of Ash trees across a path in the vicinity of the play area at Glastonbury Drive, Poynton. The resident described the location of the Ash trees along the river bank and noted that Ash trees tend to bough suddenly and therefore present a potential hazard. Members agreed that Phil Cunningham, the Town Council's Operations Manager, will meet with the resident and together they will visit the location. The Operations Manager will review the situation and determine ownership of the trees so that the matter can be referred to the owner if the situation is considered a hazard.

17. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Mrs S-J Gilmore, Mrs J Saunders and G Smith. Cllr M Sewart is attending a meeting at Adlington Parish Council and may arrive late to this meeting.

18. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None were declared.

19. Approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 16th July 2018

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 16th July 2018 are approved as an accurate record (2 for, 2 abstentions)

20. Receive and consider an update for mid-July to 3rd September 2018 from the Operations Manager.

The Operations Manager, Phil Cunningham, spoke on the written update for mid-July to 3rd September 2018. From discussion the following points were noted:

- During the resurfacing of Park Lane it should be ensured that the parking studs are removed and replaced. The parking studs are a legal requirement.
- To follow up on the kerbstone in the middle of Park Lane, near the Co-op pharmacy.
- The tree outside Vernon Building Society; this is an asset issue and the Operations Manager will follow up on the issue of land ownership.
- Blocked gully outside No 1 London Road South (the disabled parking bays); it is likely that the issue has been caused by crushed pipes during works by a utility company and the failure of Cheshire East to follow up with the utility company. The Operations Manager will continue to follow up on the issue.
- Allotments; the Coppice Road Allotments Association (CRAA) AGM is due to be held on 15th September 2018 at 10am. Members acknowledged the hard work of Mr Phil Swift, the CRAA Chairman, who recently passed away. The Clerk confirmed that on behalf of the Town Council, a card of condolence has been sent to Mr Swift's wife. It was considered that a small amount of allotment funds could contribute towards a commemoration for Mr Swift.
- There has been verbal confirmation of the gritting of Waterloo Road by Cheshire East Council.

A Member congratulated the work on the Shared Space and requested information on other unsightly tarmac blocks that have appeared on London Road North. From discussion it was noted that these are likely to be addressed subject to completion of the South East Manchester Multi-Model (SEMMMS) Road and until then any repairs will continue to be damaged by the volume of traffic through Poynton. Once the SEMMMS Road is open restrictions for heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) can be implemented. A member requested that the process for implementing restrictions to limit HGVs through

Poynton should be actioned now so that there is no delay in implementation ready for March 2019.

RESOLVED: That the update for mid-July to 3rd September 2018 from the Operations Manager is received (NC)

21. Receive and consider an update about Hockley Park from the Operations Manager.

RESOLVED: That the update about Hockley Park as stated in the written update for mid-July to 3rd September 2018 from the Operations Manager is received (NC)

22. Receive updates from the Task and Finish Groups

a) Footpaths/Cycling - Village Accessibility

The Village Accessibility Leader, Cllr Les Berry, provided the following verbal update:

- The work by the Mobility Scooter Group is progressing.
- It was noted that process for change tends to be lengthy and often subject to delay.
- The footpaths at Chester Road, Deva Close and South Park Drive are due to be top dressed.
- That a map to join up accessibility across parts of the village is required. The routing should be developed to enable access to the village centre.

A member noted that a resident fell off their scooter due to a dropped kerb on one side of the road but no dropped kerb on the opposite side. There has been a similar complaint from another resident at the same location. Members agreed that this is an important area for development and work continues to be progressed; ideas from all members are warmly invited.

Cllr M Sewart joined the meeting at 8.55pm

b) Poynton Heritage Garden

The Link for the Poynton Heritage Garden, Cllr Mrs Sandra Horsman, provided the following verbal report:

- The garden was part of the Poynton Garden Safari held in July 2018.
- A cheque for £100 was presented to the Anson Museum for the work on the truck. Also £80 was presented to Poynton in Bloom.
- There is a monthly rota with members allocated to maintain the garden.
- Sponsorship is still required and available options are being pursued.
- A funding application has been submitted to Tatton Park and Cheshire East Council to assist with maintenance costs.

The Clerk confirmed that a request has been made to the Heritage Garden for assistance with the design for the bed in the back garden of the Civic Hall.

Cllr Mrs Sewart noted that she was a founder member of the Poynton Heritage Garden and has been unable to attend recent meetings which are now held on a Tuesday afternoon and has therefore been absent as noted in the minutes.

c) Town Centre Shared Space and Improvement

In the absence of Cllr Graham Smith, the Leader for the Town Centre Shared Space and Improvement Task and Finish Group, the Clerk shared the written report provided by Cllr Smith:

- The Group have not met since May 2018 with the exception of a few members conducting the revised dossier of problems which was forwarded to Cheshire East Highways before the scheduled meeting held on 20th August 2018. There has been some success in efforts, including:
- The London Road North and South Gateway thresholds which have been repaired on a temporary basis.
- The repairs to Park Lane defects are in progress and further work is planned based on the defects dossier.
- The damaged lamp posts on London Road have been removed and prepared ready to accept the new ones due to
- be fitted on 16th September 2018.
- A date is being arranged to replace the damaged cycle racks.
- A senior point of contact has been established within Cheshire East Highways to progress issues that are unresolved within the declared time frame and to improve communications.

More progress will be forthcoming as a result of the meeting with Cheshire East. The next meeting of the Task and Finish Group is due to be arranged for mid-September.

RESOLVED: That the updates from the Task and Finish Groups are received (NC)

23. Note action taken under Standing Order 51 concerning the request from Poynton Show for the easement of the Town Council's byelaws governing the use of parks and open spaces in respect of the use of Poynton Park to hold the Poynton Show on 25th August 2018.

The requests from Poynton Show for the easement of the Town Council's byelaws governing the use of parks and open spaces in respect of the use of Poynton Park to hold the Poynton Show are often received late. Members advised that the request is included as an agenda item annually in May.

RESOLVED: That the action taken under Standing Order 51 concerning the request from Poynton Show for the easement of the Town Council's byelaws governing the use of parks and open spaces in respect of the

use of Poynton Park to hold the Poynton Show on 25th August 2018 is noted (NC)

24. Consider and agree any communication messages arising from this meeting.

The following communication messages were agreed:

- Shared Space work.
- Request for more volunteers for the Poynton Heritage Garden, Highways and Mobility Group, Poynton in Bloom and the Pick and Tidy Group. Include a description of each of the groups and information about how volunteers can get involved.
- To commend the work of the Footpaths/ Cycling Group to improve accessibility and invite suggestions and requests

RESOLVED: That the communication messages as stated are approved (NC)

Meeting end time: 9.10pm

Chair.....

Dated.....