

Minutes of the Tourism & Leisure Committee
held remotely on Thursday 11 March 2021 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr Campbell, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Irven, Cllr Terrett and Cllr Whetlor (Chair)

In attendance: Sarah Reed, Town Clerk

21/79A To receive Apologies for Absence: Cllr Whetlor proposed that '*apologies from Cllr Richards are accepted*'. Seconded by Cllr Campbell. Carried.

21/80A To receive Declarations of Interest: None at this point

21/81A Memorial Ground:

(i) Clarification of the legal requirements for a Public Space Protection Order in relation to the Dog Order on the ground and how this affects signage- the Clerk reported the following: Having sought advice from a SW&T Officer, the PSPO's relating to dogs throughout the district is to be reviewed, and under current legislation there is a 3-year window in which to do this. Watchet Town Council will be fully consulted when the review is undertaken, but until then the current DCO on the Memorial Ground and play area and the Henry Davey remain lawful and legally binding.

When DCO's were replaced by PSPO's in 2017, existing signage in place was also lawful, but the installation of new signage must be as a PSPO. The Clerk has liaised with the SW&T Officer and sent details of current signage in place and signage proposals and will await advice on the exact lawful wording to be used. Cllr Whetlor proposed that '*draft signage will be brought back to the Committee at the next meeting for approval in accordance with PSPO legislation*'. Seconded by Cllr Johnson. Carried.

(ii) Response to concerns raised by Youth Football Coach regarding dog faeces on the ground and potential solutions - the draft response was circulated to members prior to the meeting via **Appendix 1** – after a brief discussion whereby the Clerk presented costings on dog poo bag dispensers and a supply of dog poo bags, Cllr Whetlor proposed that '*the response is approved and sent and a budget of up to £150 is allocated to purchase a dog poo bag dispenser, 800 dog poo bags and a pooper scooper to be donated to the Football Club*'. Seconded by Cllr Campbell. Carried.

21/82A Play Equipment:

(i) Annual Play Equipment Inspections- short- and long-term action plan circulated to members prior to the meeting via **Appendix 2**
After a brief discussion, Cllr Whetlor proposed that the '*inspection reports are noted, and as outlined in a report from the Groundsman, most of the actions contained within the reports can be undertaken in-house by Council Grounds staff, but welding work to the skate ramps must be contracted out and if a quotation is sought, it is brought back to the Committee for consideration*'. Seconded by Cllr Terrett. Carried

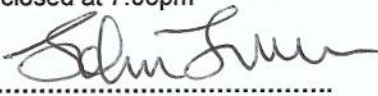
21/83A Henry Davey:

(i) Replacement of small skate ramps - the Clerk gave the following report: This matter is ongoing and cannot be progressed until the half pipe ramp available as a donation from a member of the public has been assessed by Cllrs Irven and Terrett for its suitability to replace the large ramp. The Clerk is still waiting for a date to be confirmed. Members noted the Clerks report.

21/84A Matters for the next meeting:

- Liaise with the Clerk

Meeting closed at 7.03pm

Signed: 

Dated: 14/4/21