MINUTES OF THE LEISURE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 P.M

299. PRESENT Councillors I. Plant (Vice-Chair), C. Chell, M.J. Staton, G. Bentley, N. A. Wood, Mrs P. Upton, and D. Wilson

300. APOLOGIES were received from Councillors Mrs K. Mills (Chair), R. Locker, D. Ottley, P. Keeling, Mrs.E. Whitehouse and for absence R. N. Wood

301. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G. Bentley declared an interest in any matters relating to Allotments as he is a Member of Cheadle (Staffs) Allotment Association.

302. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUEST

None

303. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2022

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th November 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and approved.

304. LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE - REVIEW AND RECOMMEND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The **draft** Terms of Reference for the Leisure & Operations Committee agreed by Full Council were reviewed and are set out as Appendix A (Minute 304). This will be put forward as a recommendation for approval at Full Council. The Committee also made some recommendations in respect of the draft Terms of Reference for All Committees, and these will also go forward as a recommendation for approval at Full Council as a separate item.

305. LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE POLICIES – REVIEW AND RECOMMEND POLICIES

A list of working Council policies was provided to the Committee by the Clerk, and a discussion was held in respect of policies that were relevant to the Leisure & Operations Committee. The Clerk advised the Committee that it would have the responsibility of following these policies when conducting Committee business, and also carrying out any reviews required. The Committee agreed to take responsibility for the following policies where required:-

- Tree Strategy
- Lone working Policy
- Drug & Alcohol Policy
- Child & Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy

306. EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference for the Events Sub-Committee, with a minor amendment to read ‘any other events’, were agreed and will be implemented following the approval of the Leisure & Operations Terms of Reference by Full Council. In respect of Autonomy for expenditure, it was clarified by Cllr M. Staton that there were no provisions for Sub-Committees to overspend on their allocated budgets, and therefore spending could be scrutinised through the Leisure & Operations Committee.

307. ALLOTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE & MEETING DATES

The Terms of Reference for the Allotments Sub-Committee were agreed and will be implemented following the approval of the Leisure & Operations Terms of Reference by Full Council. In respect of Autonomy for expenditure, it was clarified by Cllr M. Staton that there were no provisions for Sub-Committees to overspend on their allocated budgets, and therefore spending could be scrutinised through the Leisure & Operations Committee.

308. FOOTPATHS SUB-COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE & MEETING DATES

The Terms of Reference for the Footpaths Sub-Committee were agreed and will be implemented following the approval of the Leisure & Operations Terms of Reference by Full Council. In respect of Autonomy for expenditure, it was clarified by Cllr M. Staton that there were no provisions for Sub-Committees to overspend on their allocated budgets, and therefore spending could be scrutinised through the Leisure & Operations Committee.

There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Leisure & Operations Committee

308A. TEAN ROAD/CHURCHILL ROAD (NEGOTIATIONS ON FUNDING WITH SMDC UPDATE)

Councillor I. Plant provided the Committee with confirmation that SMDC had released funding for the Tean Road Recreation Ground, and that this funding would be available from the 1st April 2023. The sum of money was given as £140,000, which was left in the S.106 fund following the purchase of play equipment and an upgrade of facilities on the site. Cllr Plant further confirmed that the funding for Churchill Road had been deferred until the New Year. Cllr Plant asked the Committee to hold a site visit at the Tean Road Recreation Ground in the New Year, and following agreement, a date would be set at a meeting in January 2023.

308B. TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND GATES (COMMERCIAL SENSITIVITY)

Cllr I. Plant and the Clerk provided the Committee with an update on the repair of the Tean Road recreation Ground Gates, which had been damaged by an HGV attempting to deliver a trailer to the park for the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. It was confirmed that there had been something of a disagreement between the contractors who had been granted approval to make the necessary repairs, and that the Council were currently trying to arbitrate between them in order to complete the required works.

308C. ALLOTMENTS (COMMERCIAL SENSITIVITY)

Cllr I. Plant confirmed that the Clerk had taken a telephone call from the owner of the Allotment site, Mrs Susan Barker, and that she had indicated some reluctance to agree to another lease of 10 years. It was confirmed that the lease was due to expire in March 2023. During the call, Mrs Barker had stated that there may be some provision for a one year extension to the lease in order to provide a longer timescale to negotiate an alternative, and that she would appreciate any suggestions that may provide some longer term resolution. Mrs Barker had confirmed that any one year lease extension would be a fixed rental cost of £1500, which was an increase of £500 on the years under the original lease.

There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close.

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