

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD 7 JUNE 2022

Councillors Present: Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty (Chair), Cllr Jane Welsh

P1109 Apologies: Cllr Keith House, Cllr John Shepherd

P1110 To consider the Minutes of the meeting held 5 April 2022.

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising

None not already on the agenda.

P1111 Correspondence

The Tadic Annual Statistical Report was circulated previously. Cllr Corben noted that a significant proportion of the visits were females and asked if there is any work taking place to reach more males. Cllrs asked who's remit was it to fund this type of work. **RESOLVED: Noted with a view to revisit the funding later in the year.**

The Citizens Advice Q4 Update was circulated previously. **RESOLVED: Noted.**

P1112 Youth Provision

A report of the recent consultation was circulated prior to the meeting along with a timetable of existing activities taking place. Cllrs noted that the highest priority was hanging out with friends in parks and that traditional youth clubs were near the bottom. Cllr Pretty proposed a working party to take this forward. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed to the proposal of a working party, including Cllr Derek Pretty, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Town Clerk and Youth Leader.**

P1113 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22

Cllrs received the unaudited statement of accounts for year ended 31 March 2021. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed these were a correct account for the year to be presented to full council for approval.**

P1114 Taplin Pavilion

Cllrs received the condition survey for Taplin Pavilion, whilst disappointed that this was not what we already believed it does help to take this forward. Cllrs discussed the options presented in the report and the subsequent conversation the Clerk has had with the tennis provider that may wish to take on the building and how this might work either with a reduced rent and them

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doing the work or the council does the work and charges an appropriate rent. The council would need to be assured that any works carried out were within the Councils specification and this could be written into a lease. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that this conversation should progress with the tennis provider to see if they would be willing/able to take on the building and provide an update at a future meeting.**

P1115 F/19/86829 Serenity

Cllrs received the report for the potential adoption of the landscaping area associated with this development. Cllrs felt that we couldn't make an informed decision without knowing the commuted sum amount for the SINC less the SUDS would be. Cllrs discussed that there doesn't seem to be any reason to take this land as it is land locked with only pedestrian access surrounding a SUD which will be managed by a management company. Cllrs felt it made more sense for the management company to look after the SINC as well since they are taking the SUDS. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that this would be better managed by the management company as they are taking the SUDS and not the Town Council.**

P1116 Transfer of Open Space

Cllrs received further details on the potential transfer of open space from Bovis Homes in relation to two previous developments and S106 agreements. Cllrs noted that they are not in favour of the council taking land where there is no benefit to residents which seems to be the case with Haileybury Gardens. Cllrs would consider this area if a full survey was completed, and remedial work is carried out. Cllrs asked if the trees are TPO as this would affect the decision. The Clerk confirmed that Bovis Homes were not providing any commuted sum with any of these pieces of land. Cllrs felt that it would be in our interest to take land adjacent to Barfoot Close and Leburn Meadows as this protects open space for residents. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed not to take the land at the rear of Haileybury Gardens and progress with the other two areas of land.**

P1117 Berrywood Fields

Cllrs received the reports for the potential transfer of the open space and three grass pitches at Berrywood Fields. Cllr Pretty outlined the points in the report and some of the potential issues. Cllrs discussed the option to take a shorter lease from Eastleigh Borough Council to see how it works with a smaller commuted sum and the remaining balance could sit with EBC if we renew for a longer period. With a number of unknowns at this stage it was felt that the council could be left in a vulnerable position both financially and operationally and would need to buy in some services. This led to a discussion that if we need to buy in services then surely it would make more sense for EBC to manage the land for a couple of years with a view to seeing

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how it works and to assess the feasibility for the future. **RESOLVED: Cllrs agreed that we would not want to make a decision without all the information and there are too many unknowns and the preference would be for EBC to manage it for a couple of years when we could reconsider on a shorter lease such as 25 years with a 10 year break clause.**

P1118 Clerks Update

The Clerk updated the meeting on the recent insurance claim. Cllr Morris asked if a third-party Part 24 had been served on EBC. The clerk also updated the meeting on the proposal for an EV Charger on HETC land. There was a lengthy discussion on the merits of this and the potential issues that might arise but at this stage we are not committed to proceed and it would come back to a future meeting for a decision.

**P1119 All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting
- Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960**

P1120 Personnel Sub Committee

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20.25 hours.