

FARINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

The Corn Exchange, FARINGDON, Oxfordshire, SN7 7JA

Telephone 01367 240281 Fax 01367 240303

www.faringdowntowncouncil.gov.uk

Clerk: Sally Thurston



Minutes of a Recreation and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Wednesday 6th January 2015 at 7.15 p.m. in the Jubilee Room, the Pump House, Faringdon

PRESENT: Cllrs. Jane Boulton (Chairman)
David Barron
Ian Bell
Al Cane
Julie Farmer
Andrew Marsden
Mike Wise

In Attendance: Sally Thurston, Town Clerk

1/1/16 Apologies for Absence
None

2/1/16 Declarations of Interest
None

3/1/16 Minutes of Last Meeting: Wednesday 18th November 2015
The minutes were agreed as a correct record

4/1/16 Items for Information Only
None

5/1/16 Public Speaking Time
No members of the public were present.

6/1/16 Public Question Time
None

7/1/16 Precept 2016/17

a) Members received and NOTED the financial report to 30/11/15

b) Members received and considered the draft budget for

2016/17.

It was PROPOSED that:

- The garage rent be removed as the garage was unsuitable for the new vehicle.
- £1500 be added to the revenue budget for tree surveys.

This was AGREED

The total revenue budget for 2016/17 was agreed at

£14,235.

- c) Members considered capital expenditure projects for 2016/17:
- Tree survey was removed from capital expenditure as it was considered to be revenue.
 - Two projects were included:
Safety Surface: £15,000
Shed at rear of Pump House for Garden Tools: £1100

8/1/16 **Elms tennis court**
No update was available

9/1/16 **Christmas Lights 2015**
The Clerk reported that the 2015 lights worked well and were currently £229.02 under budget.

10/1/16 **Allotments**
Members received a verbal report from the Clerk which was NOTED.

11/1/16 **Open Spaces**
Members received and NOTED updates on the following open spaces:
a) Tuckers Play area
b) All Saints Church Yard
c) Town park
d) Oakwood Park
e) Lock up – Church Path Farm
It was NOTED that some of the headstones were considered dangerous in All Saints Church Yard. It was PROPOSED that a notice was put up warning members of the public to take care whilst responsibility for the headstones was ascertained. This was AGREED.

12/1/15 **Willes Close Triangle**
a) Members received and NOTED an update on the Sensory Garden project
b) *To receive and consider quotes for a tree survey* – members were informed that VWHDC are unable to carry out tree surveys as hoped. So far only one quote had been received. Further quotes will be brought to the next meeting.

13/1/16 **FAZE Site purchase**
Members considered possible uses for the FAZE site in the event of purchase. The following suggestions were made:

- Council depot and store for equipment.
- Adventure playground
- Contact developers for suggested open space use

14/1/16 **S106 Funds**
Members were informed that there was just under £15,000 available for Marlborough Gardens Play area and although this is a VWHDC the Town Council can apply for the money to ensure it is spent. It was PROPOSED that the clerk obtain some quotes for disabled play equipment and apply for the funds. This was AGREED.
The Clerk was asked to ensure that VWHDC would still be responsible for the equipment in the event of a purchase. This was AGREED. The Clerk was also asked to

investigate the possibility of paths as the play area became muddy in wet weather. This was AGREED.