



Order of meetings for 12th June 2019
7.00pm Planning
7.05pm Rec. Grounds, Public Lands
& Lighting

STOTFOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Recreation Grounds, Public Lands & Lighting Committee, on Wednesday 12th June 2019, at 7.05pm, in the Council Chamber, Greenacre Centre, Stotfold

AGENDA

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
2. **To receive disclosures of Members interests on matters contained in this agenda**
Members are reminded that if at any time during the meeting they feel they have an interest in an item being discussed, they should declare it at that point.
3. **Public participation – questions, comments and responses**
Up to 3 members of the public are given 3 minutes each to speak on any item relating to this Committee.
4. **Clerk's Report, Correspondence Received and Matters Arising for information**
See Agenda Report.
5. **Footpaths through Churchyard**
Following a request by this Committee for the surface overlay of the existing public right of way running through the Churchyard (STF19/20 & STF/9/30), and a new link from the public right of way from Chequers Close through to the second public right of way in the Churchyard (STF/22/10 – surface overlay already carried out), Chris Dorow (Public Rights of Way Officer) and Chris Nicol (Contracts Officer Assets, Highways & Transport) have provided a plan showing the proposed overlay and proposed new asphalt path, together with costings (currently being updated). Central Beds Council has limited funds for this type of work and would like to request a contribution from the Town Council, as neither route is not considered to be urgent work. Members are asked to consider whether they wish surface overlay work to be carried out on the existing asphalt public right of way plus construct a new footway as per map (to be circulated) – with a Town Council contribution, or opt for one of the two works – with a Town Council contribution. Details to be circulated prior to the meeting.
6. **MUGA – Riverside Playing Field**
Following a spate of significant vandalism at the Riverside MUGA, Members are asked to give consideration to its future. At production of this agenda, only three fencing panels remain. Those which were pulled out are not salvageable and have been disposed. The surface of the synthetic turf court is now the focus of vandalism. The container holding maintenance equipment is now in very poor condition, with holes forming in the roof allowing water to enter. The surface of the tennis courts is in poor condition, despite remedial repairs some years ago due to tree root damage. The site itself is attracting undesirable behaviour, and the office is receiving complaints from residents about its tired and damaged condition, and the vandalism it appears to be attracting in this area. The office is in repeated contact with the

Police to report damage and the Youth Participation Team have also been made aware.

Options are to:

- 1) Leave MUGA in place – would need significant repair, work to bring security measures up to date, risk of future vandalism in this location
- 2) Completely open up MUGA – this requires removal of external wire fencing and internal metal fence posts which still remain. However, would also require refurbishment of the hard court surface and repair works to damaged synthetic turf court
- 3) Remove MUGA – requires removal of external wire fencing, all court surfaces within, removal and disposal of storage container, consider what goes in its place – grass, play equipment?

Due to the level of vandalism and deterioration of the facility, leaving it in its current condition is not an option, as there are many risk factors.

7. Mill Lane – lighting column

To consider a request from Stotfold Mill Preservation Trust for an additional lighting column to be installed in Mill Lane, in the boundary with their car park, heading towards the Cemetery. They confirm that they will contribute 50% towards costs. Quote from Terry Seymour Lighting Contractor - to supply wire and fit 1x 5Mtr tubular galvanized steel column, complete with a double headed post top mounted bracket to the car park area.

To supply wire and fit 2x 70 Watt Phillips ARC 80 CDO lanterns to the bracket, test and leave in full working order. £3685.00+vat.

8. Mill Lane/Malthouse Lane – footway

To consider a suggestion that a tarmac footway is provided for Mill Lane and Malthouse Lane, as this area is very popular with dog walkers, runners and people walking in the countryside. However, this is also a fairly fast vehicle route, despite speed limits. Members are asked to consider the principle at this stage, before investigations are made into potential S106 funding, or other funding sources.

9. Arlesey Road playing field - Weed spraying

To consider a quote to weed spray the public open space at Arlesey Road. For the supply and application of Hygrass-P herbicide at the rate of 5 litres a hectare in tank mix with 300 litres of water - £1500.00 plus VAT.

10. Use of The Green – parking

To consider a request from Stotfold Junior Football Club to use The Green for parking during their summer football tournament – Friday 5th July evening, all day Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July.

11. General Work

Members to advise on general work to be carried out relating to this Committee.

12. Items for information purposes, relevant to this Committee only

C. Jenkins

PP Mrs K Elliott-Turner

Town Clerk

7th June 2019

To: Councillors Mrs S Bundock, Mrs A Clarey, B Collier, A Cooper, Mrs M Cooper, S Hayes, Mrs J Hyde, C Phelps, G Russell, J Talbot. Other Councillors for information only

AGENDA REPORTS

RECREATION GROUNDS, PUBLIC LANDS & LIGHTING

AGENDA ITEM 4	Meeting date: 12 th June 2019
Clerk's Report, Correspondence Received & Matters Arising for Information	
<p>Minute 27/19</p> <p><u>Central Beds Council - Public Rights of way</u></p> <p>The footpath signs reported at previous meetings are still down – at The Bury and to the side of St Mary's Academy – <i>Chased Chris Dorow for update 26/03/19- signs re-instated</i></p> <p>It was noted that in this last point, re-instatement of the sign does not appear to have been carried out by Central Beds Council, but by residents who have tied it to the nearest sign pole. This will be checked. 05/06/19 Christopher Dorow emailed to check whether his team tied on the signs.</p> <p>With regard to the request for a second 'Coppice Mead' road name sign, plus white lining, Members reiterated the need for clarity for delivery vehicles. The numerous occasions when delivery vehicles have to turn around in Hazel Grove because it is not clear where Coppice Mead turns at the junction with Hazel Grove, provides the evidence that this work is required. The office will repeat this request to Highways. Coppice Mead signage request sent to Building control 17/05/19. Building Control chased 05/06/19.</p> <p>White lining request, with evidence listed above, emailed to CBC for attention of Transportation Team 05/06/19.</p> <p>Minute 49/19</p> <p>RESOLVED that the following is actioned:</p> <p><u>Central Beds Council – Highways</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dane Close – category 1 road hole outside no. 4. Phoned CBC, this has already been reported and it is logged for repair ref. 326357 03/06/19• Saxon Avenue – road hole opposite no. 3. Phoned CBC & reported Ref. 327198 03/06/19• Church Road – road hole outside The Academy of Central Bedfordshire. Phoned CBC and reported ref. 327199• High Street – two road holes outside no. 105 were repaired but didn't last – needs proper repair. Phoned CBC and reported ref. 327200. 03/06/19• High Street – area from The Haven towards pedestrian crossing, repairs to road holes badly done, patch needed. Phoned CBC and reported ref. 327201. 03/06/19 <p><u>Central Beds Council – Assets</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Former Roecroft Lower School playing field on Church Road, adjacent to the Academy of Central Bedfordshire, is very overgrown and needs cutting before the weeds go to seed and spread. 03/06/19- reported to the Assets Team.	

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- Brook Street car park – area under trees needs trimming and remove rubbish - Handyman unable to deal with at present due to dealing with MUGA problems, and annual leave. He will tackle this as soon as he is able to.
- Verge outside the Baptist Church – grass has not been cut – check if this is on Grass Cutting Contractor’s schedule. 31/05/19 This has been cut, Grass contractor hadn’t been able to get there before due to road closure.
- Kissing gate for footpath from Rook Tree Lane to Millennium Green is coming apart, wood is rotting. Gate needs replacing, ask if BRCC can assist in providing new gate. 03/06/19-I have emailed the BRCC (Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity) an they stated they should be able to replace this gate with a Centre Wire kissing gate as part of their summer task programme.

Decision required: n/a

Expenditure required: n/a