



## STOTFOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Dear Councillor,

**You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Recreation Grounds, Public Lands & Lighting Committee, on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, Greenacre Centre, Stotfold**

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### 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. **Green Wheel minutes**  
For information, to receive minutes of the Green Wheel meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
6. **StrEAT Feast**  
To consider a request from the Bedford StrEAT Feast company to start a street food event in Stotfold as a takeaway night on The Green. They are proposing every other month first or last Thursday, 4pm to 9pm, with a selection of hot and cold food traders. Information on a 2018 event held in Bedford is copied for Members information.
7. **Brook Street car park**  
To consider use of the Brook Street car park (lead Councillor Mrs A Clarey). Following further complaints from businesses in the area that residents are parking their vehicles in the car park overnight and throughout the day, thereby reducing the number of shopper parking spaces available, Members are asked to consider how this might be resolved. i.e. parking enforcement, overnight parking restrictions.
8. **Arlesey Road MUGA facility**  
Following the decision at the last meeting for the proposed MUGA facility at Arlesey Road to be a community type (maccadam surface) and floodlit, correspondence has been received from the Football Club (attached for Members). In view of the correspondence received, Members are asked to consider use of the facility, i.e. whether it will be a restricted or open facility, its location within the site.

**9. General Work**

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

**10. Items for information purposes, relevant to this Committee only**

*KA Elliott-Turner*

**Mrs Kate Elliott-Turner  
Town Clerk**

4<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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

# AGENDA REPORTS

## RECREATION GROUNDS, PUBLIC LANDS & LIGHTING

<b>AGENDA ITEM 4</b>	<b>Meeting date: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>
<b>Clerk's Report, Correspondence Received &amp; Matters Arising for Information</b>	
<p><b>Matters Arising</b> 132/18 – the footpath link from Drovers Lane to Kingfisher Way public right of way on Riverside Playing Field has been completed.</p> <p>The Public Rights of Way Officer has been asked if they could clear away the debris left behind, as this may not be something we could handle. Future maintenance of the footpath is being confirmed, and confirmation is being sought as to whether this will be formalised as a public right of way.</p>   <p>Minute 123/18 – Councillor Hayes is investigating Sutcliffe Play's claims that the problem with the inclusive roundabout is subsidence and will be taking the matter up with our insurers. Depending on their response as to whether the roundabout is covered and on what basis, this matter will be brought back to Members next month to decide on action.</p> <p>Minute 138/18 - <u>Central Beds Council – Public Rights of Way</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A seasonal vegetation clearance is required on footpath 11, between Brook Street and the Memorial Hall car park - <i>reported to Chris Dorow (Public Right of Way) 18/12/18 (clarification given)</i></li><li>• Church Road footpath sign is down at the Olivers Lane end – <i>reported to Chris Dorow (Public Right of Way) 18/12/18</i></li><li>• Public footpath sign at Arc Progress, Mill Lane is down – <i>reported to Chris Dorow (Public Right of Way) 18/12/18</i></li><li>• Public right of way sign at the rear of St Mary's School (Millennium Green) is still down – this was reported some months ago – <i>reported to Chris Dorow (Public Right of Way) 18/12/18</i></li></ul> <p><u>Central Beds Council – Street Lighting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lamp opposite Pix Road, location on Hitchin Road (even number side) has been out for nearly 12 months – <i>reported to CBC ref 321001</i></li><li>• There are x7 lamps out on Hitchin Road (C131) (not consecutive lamps) between A507 roundabout, towards Kingsley Avenue (Fairfield Parish) – <i>these street lights are not on portal map, phoned through and have put in a manual report for these 20/12/18, as such they were unable to supply a ref no</i></li></ul>	

### Central Beds Council – Highways

- The 2 road signs at the roundabout as you cross over the A507 onto C131 Hitchin road needs lights replacing – *reported to CBC ref 321004*
- Extend the previously requested tree trimming work on Rook Tree Lane from lighting column S3 to S4 – *reported CBC ref 321056 (original ref 319777)*
- Request that the road sweeper visit Rook Tree Lane, plus the drain vacuum as there is a significant amount of leaf debris on the roads – *reported CBC ref 18/072600 – drain vacuum only done on its scheduled programme*
- Where the recent development of the old pony field, next to St Mary’s Academy on Rook Tree lane has been completed, due to the slope of the road within the development crossing the footway onto Rook Tree Lane, large gouges have been made in the surface. Please also investigate the quantity of bark which has been placed in the front gardens of the new property, now being washed onto the footway and road because there is no dividing barrier to prevent movement – *contacted site project manager – developer is Staske Ltd. 18/12/18 Highways wouldn’t give S278 permission to close road for tarmac etc until February half term. Work will be carried out then, which will resolve above issues*
- Following footway surfacing works in Coppice Mead, the tarmac level is still 2 to 2 ½ inches below the edging of the timber surround. This is a trip hazard and also our grass cutting contractor is not willing to cut the grass verge in these areas, as the edging will damage his mower. Central Beds Council has previously advised that it will carry out a site visit, however nothing has changed – *emailed Highways Area Steward (Nick Carafola) 21/12/18 – work to reduce timber height now completed – volunteer stone pick is to be carried out*
- Regent Street – footway from area of One Stop towards High Street, covering 6 houses, is breaking up badly, particularly where drives cross the footway – *clarification sought over which 6 houses – nos. 60, 62a, 48, 42a, 40, 26, 26a – reported to CBC ref. 321142/3/4/5/6*

### Central Beds Council – Planning

- A site visit is requested to the new development adjacent to St Mary’s Academy on Rook Tree Lane. The property which sits side on to Rook Tree Lane has a strange shaped fence line, which we were not aware of on the planning application plans - *emailed planning 19/12/18, replied 21/12/18 to say has been forwarded to planning officer*

### Central Beds Council – Waste Team

- A full wheelie bin is laying on the footway outside the Baptist Church, The Green. It has been there for some weeks and is full of rubbish – *emailed Waste team – will be removed*

### **Clerk’s Report**

#### Bowls Club/Hitchin Road Recreation Ground water supply

A query regarding the water meters supplying the Bowls Club and the Hitchin Road Recreation Ground has been resolved following investigations. It can now be confirmed that the meter originally thought to be supplying the Hitchin Road Recreation Ground is in fact supplying the Bowls Club, and vice versa. Discussions will be held with the Bowls Club as to water usage over the last year, and correct invoices will be sent to them in the future. Anglian Water will be notified of the error and asked to correct their meter records and labelling on each meter.

#### Arlesey Road senior football pitch

Agripower advise that they have completed their remedial work on the senior pitch at Arlesey Road. Inspections have taken place and we are querying whether all works have been completed before making final payment of invoices.

**Decision required:** n/a

**Expenditure required:** n/a