



Order of meetings for 12th September 2018
7.00pm Planning
7.15pm 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 September 2018, at 7.15pm, in the Council Chamber, Greenacre Centre, Stotfold

A G E N D A

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**
5. **Hitchin Road Recreation Ground – Changing Rooms**
To consider the plans and structural report provided by Stotfold Junior Football Club, who wish to undertake the proposals as a donation to the community.
6. **Landscape work – Land South of Stotfold**
At a recent site meeting of the development, this Committee was asked to consider the following:
 - i) Removal of the need to plant x17 daffodil beds along the route of Pix Brook (shown highlighted in yellow on attached plan)
 - ii) Removal of the need to provide x2 ponds (shown highlighted in pink on attached plan)

Those at the site meeting were concerned about the level of maintenance the daffodil beds would provide the Town Council. With regard to the ponds, the one proposed for alongside the tributary at the junction of Sorrel Drive with Valerian Way, is actually on a raised mound, and would not be a suitable location for a pond. This view is supported by Central Beds Council's Ecologist. The second pond is proposed to be sited to the rear of the park area behind the Greenacre Centre. Again, this is not considered to be a suitable location as it would be hidden from view, presenting a safety issue, and is not considered by the Ecologist to be of ecological value.
7. **Play equipment – grant funding response**
Further to the application submission for the Awards for All £10K grant to provide new play equipment at Hitchin Road Recreation Ground, we have received a response advising that we have been unsuccessful. The reason for rejection was because they don't believe we have consulted with the community sufficiently.

Therefore, as it has been some years since we last carried out a public consultation on play

equipment, mainly with children who may use the equipment, it is proposed that we undertake another consultation exercise. This is to establish views on the current equipment – its play value from the view of the user and parents, its condition, its positioning. The consultation would also seek to obtain views from children as to types of play equipment they would like to see. The results will help to provide evidence for any future play equipment upgrades/replacements and grant applications we may wish to submit.

8. Riverside Playing Field – car park & pitch

In September 2017, this Committee agreed to investigate drawing up a plan to provide at least 16-20 more parking spaces at Riverside Playing Field. This was on the basis that the football pitch allocated for the park area in Land South of Stotfold was to be relocated to Riverside Playing Field. This is now not taking place, and Members are therefore asked to consider whether they wish to continue with expanding the car park and the reasons for doing so (previous reasons included the result of development of Roker Park for housing, as existing teams use the Football Club car park as well as Riverside Playing Field car park when using the area for football practice).

9. Norton Road Allotments – split plot request

To consider a request from a Norton Road allotment plot tenant to split his half plot to become two quarter plots. He wants to retain an allotment plot but is finding a half plot increasingly difficult to maintain. The plot is a large half plot, and the (previously one full) plot alongside has already been split into 2 quarter plots and a half plot.

10. Public Art – land rear of Greenacre Centre

To receive the draft Public Art Commission: Artist Brief from Central Beds Council's Landscape Planner & Public Art Officer. The Clerk has responded to queries from the Officer as follows:

- Confirmed that the project will need to be tied into the developer's programme for external works to this area
- Confirmed that the Town Council will take over management and maintenance of the public open space/artworks, rather than a management company
- Confirmed that apart from ensuring the project ties in with the developer's programme, there is no need to involve the developers in the artwork project (they weren't involved in the artwork for the Greenacre Centre)
- Confirmed that a selection panels of 4 members would be agreeable – one is to be the Public Art Officer

Decisions required:

- 1) Confirm x3 selection panel members
- 2) Confirm name of public open space – Central Beds Council have suggested 'Greenacre Park'
- 3) Confirm agreement with draft Artist Brief and draft timescales proposed

11. Teasel - Request for items to be purchased.

To receive a request from Teasel for the Council to purchase the following items:

1. Wickes – Youngman Trade 200 Aluminium Extension Ladder @ £89.87 inc VAT and delivery.
2. Woodsmith Experience – 2 Morris double edged billhook @ £29 each inc VAT
3. Woodsmith Experience – 2 Leather sheath for Morris double edged billhook @£24 each + delivery.

Total : £220.00 including VAT and postage

12. Hiring Request – Outdoor Bootcamp at Riverside Recreation Ground/The Green

To receive a request from Mr Joe Carter to run an outdoor bootcamp at either The Green or Riverside Recreation Ground. Thursdays at 6am and Tuesdays at 7pm. The hirer is fully insured.

13. General Work

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

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

C. Jenkins

Ms Caroline Jenkins

Assistant Clerk

7th September 2018

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

AGENDA REPORTS

RECREATION GROUNDS, PUBLIC LANDS & LIGHTING

AGENDA ITEM 4	Meeting date: 12th September 2018
Clerk's Report, Correspondence Received & Matters Arising for Information	
Clerk's Report	
Matters Arising	
Litter Bins – we have been provided with a total of 10 litter bins for the town by CBC. We have been charged for 3 Metal bins at the Riverside, but the rest have been provided and all installed in our green areas by CBC.	
Decision required: n/a	
Expenditure required: n/a	