



STOTFOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Recreation Grounds, Public Lands & Lighting Committee, on Wednesday 13th June 2018, at 7.00pm, 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**
Correspondence – notification from the Bedfordshire & River Ivel Internal Drainage Board of forthcoming watercourse maintenance, as per attached letter.
5. **Purchase of Daffodil bulbs**
To approve the purchase of Daffodil bulbs by Councillor Mrs Cooper, for the flower tubs and verges around the town. Estimated cost £20 per sack, up to 3 required.
6. **Stotfold & District Children's Centre – 'Play in the Park'**
To consider a request from Stotfold & District Children's Centre to run their annual 'Play in the Park' sessions for toddlers during the summer holidays. This is a free event to get local families together over the summer, when many of the local playgroups are not running. They would like to use Hitchin Road Recreation Ground on Wednesday 25th July and Wednesday 15th August, with sessions from 10am to 11.30am (1/2 hour either side to set up and clear away).
7. **Security measures at Norton Road Allotments**
Following several recent thefts of crops and break-ins of sheds at Norton Road Allotments, tenants are concerned about security of the site. It has been suggested that the height of the 5-bar metal access gate is extended using security fencing. The tenants have also requested that the whole perimeter of the site is inspected, with any holes plugged with fencing or sharp shrubs to prevent unauthorised access. They advise that although many do have insurance and try and claim for theft of their belongings on the site, the insurers will not continue a claim if the perimeter is not secure.

- 8. Central Beds Council – noise nuisance – Riverside Playing Field**
To consider a complaint made to Central Beds Council’s Senior Environmental Protection Officer from a resident regarding noise nuisance from vehicles parked at Riverside Playing Field during late evenings. This Committee has previously received complaints and considered the matter. See Agenda Report.
- 9. ROSPA inspection reports**
Inspections of our play equipment and recreation areas took place during May. The inspection reports have been assessed by the Chairman, who will give a report on works to be done.
- 10. Etonbury Green Wheel minutes**
To receive and note the minutes of the Etonbury Green Wheel meeting held on 4th May 2018.
- 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**

KA Elliott-Turner

**Mrs K Elliott-Turner
Town Clerk**

8th June 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

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AGENDA REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM 4	Meeting date: 13th June 2018
Clerk's Report, Correspondence Received & Matters Arising for Information	
Matters Arising Minute 42/18 – the RBS Allotments software has now been installed, staff have been trained, and is now up and running.	
Decision required: n/a	
Expenditure required: n/a	

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AGENDA REPORTS

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Central Beds Council – noise nuisance – Riverside Playing Field	
<p>At the 12th July 2017 meeting of this Committee, the following is minuted:</p> <p>98/17 RIVERSIDE PLAYING FIELD CAR PARK</p> <p><i>This time last year, Members considered the increase in levels of vandalism and antisocial behaviour at Riverside Playing Field, which included dangerous driving, loitering in the car park, etc, and whether a gated access to the car park, to be locked overnight would be appropriate. We have again this year received a different complaint from a resident regarding the now unbearable situation they find themselves in, with loud music late at night, large groups of youngsters making the resident feel threatened and intimidated. They have requested that Members consider shutting the car park at night. A copy of Facebook correspondence was provided to Members for information. The Clerk has reported this matter to the Police as an ongoing problem and has been given a reference number. The Police Antisocial Behaviour team have been asked to advise the Clerk on their plans to tackle this problem.</i></p> <p>RESOLVED that we acknowledge the situation the resident is in, however the car park at Riverside Playing Field cannot be closed off as we do not have the staff resources to lock and open up a gate and it also penalises other users of the ground, such as dog walkers who also use the playing field during the evenings and early mornings. It is suggested that the resident keeps a diary of noise, time and duration as it may constitute a statutory noise nuisance, and this could be taken up with the Public Protection team at Central Beds Council. The Police reference number will be forwarded to the Police as a priority area at the next Community Priority Setting meeting on 22nd August.</p> <p>The latest complaint has been forwarded to Bedfordshire Police, as they have asked for supporting evidence to show nuisance behaviour in this area.</p>	
Decision required: consider appropriate measures	
Expenditure required: according to decision	