



MINUTES OF PROPERTY & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

held on Monday 23rd January 2023 at 7.00pm

Councillors present: Philippa Biddlecombe (Chair), Margaret Bebbington, Linda Ball, James Camm, Judi Morison, Angela Piggott, Trevor Oats, Rob Worth

Clerk: Lisa Davis

In attendance: Peter Clark - Ansford Parish Council, Katie Armstrong

The meeting started at 19:00

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PI36 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Steve Evans, Carly Franklin, Pek Peppin and Tom Trouton.

PI37 Declarations of personal or pecuniary interest (these must be declared BEFORE the agenda items concerned are discussed. Persons with a declared pecuniary interest must leave the meeting room when these are discussed).

There were no declarations of interest.

PI38 Approval of Minutes of Property & Infrastructure Committee meeting of 31st October 2022

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed (6 – for, 2 – abstained, 0 - against) that the minutes of the meeting be approved to be signed by the Chair at a later time.

PI39 Action points from previous meetings:

There were no updates.

PI40 Infrastructure:

- a) **Street lighting** Angela Piggott raised concerns about various streetlights that were not working in the town. It was agreed that Angela would pass the details to Katie to report to SCC.

Action 232301/1: Angela Piggott / Katie Armstrong

- b) **Horse Pond** Philippa Biddlecombe reported that she had met with the Horsepond volunteers, a representative from The Newt and Structural Weld to discuss the issues with the sluices and the dropping of water levels. One quote had now been received but two further quotes were awaited. It was agreed to discuss further when the other quotes had been received.

Action 232301/2: Philippa Biddlecombe

PI41 Properties – Pavilion and Donald Pither Memorial Field

a) Update on the Pavilion project

Rob Worth reported that the project is progressing and the Architect had now shared his initial design thoughts with the Pavilion Project Group. The next step would be wider consultation. The Town Clerk confirmed that she had arranged to meet with Charles Gillespie to discuss how the consultation could work and who should be involved. James Camm advised that he would be keen to offer his knowledge and expertise to this project. Peter Clark agreed to report back to APC at their next meeting.

Action 232301/3: Peter Clark

- b) **To discuss request for signage to stop children running out into the road at the DP field**
Angela Piggott expressed concerns about the potential danger of children running into the road between Florida Fields and the DP field. It was agreed to investigate who owns the land. Angela agreed to mark the location on a map and Katie Armstrong would follow up as necessary.
Action 232301/4: Angela Piggott / Katie Armstrong

PI42 Market House:

- a) **Billiard Room** Rob Worth advised that he had been in contact with a scaffolding company about erecting scaffolding to investigate further and to repair the guttering whilst up there. Philippa Biddlecombe would also follow up the use of the drone. Philippa Biddlecombe thanked Robert Brown for installing the handrail to the Museum.

Action 232301/5: Rob Worth
Action 232301/6: Philippa Biddlecombe

PI43 Cemetery

- a) **Update on rodent issue** Philippa Biddlecombe reported that SLR had used 6 tonnes of soil filling in the worst of the holes at the Cemetery. The Pest Control Officer had visited and advised that rats are causing the problems but that nothing could be done by Pest Control due to the location being in a public space and the wildlife in the surrounding area. It was agreed that Philippa Biddlecombe would contact SLR again to discuss possible ways to deal with the existing holes.

Action 232301/7: Philippa Biddlecombe

PI44 Traffic Working Group

- a) **Discuss progress to date and forward plan** James Camm reported that Robert Brown would like to arrange a public meeting in February. The Town Clerk reported that the Community Speedwatch application had been submitted and PCSO Beata is now working with the local Speedwatch Co-ordinator to set it up. Robert Brown had agreed to provide details of the proposed locations.

Action 232301/8: Robert Brown

There was no discussion about the forward plan as Robert Brown was not present so this was deferred to the next meeting.

PI45 Health and Safety

- a) **Update on play inspections** Philippa Biddlecombe reported that Mike Stokes had dealt with the majority of the smaller issues included in the reports. Philippa Biddlecombe agreed to get quotes for the replacement of the surfacing on the basketball court.

Action 232301/9: Philippa Biddlecombe

The Town Clerk agreed to find out if would be possible to use S106 commuted sums for the re-surfacing of the basketball court.

Action 232301/10: Town Clerk

- b) **PAT testing** It was noted that PAT testing will be completed on Thursday 9th March. It was agreed to contact the market traders and community groups and invite them to bring their equipment to be tested.

The meeting ended at 20.05

The next meeting of the Properties and Infrastructures Committee will be held on Monday 27th March 2023 at 7.00pm. Any items for inclusion on the agenda should be forwarded to the Town Clerk by Thursday 16th March 2023.