

Church Stretton Town Council

Minutes of the Public Realm Committee held in the Silvester Horne Institute on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 commencing at 7:00pm

Present: Councillors: Cllr S Davies (Chair), Cllr N Carter, Cllr A Munro (Ex Officio), Cllr B Welch

In attendance: Officers: Mrs G Bailey (RFO and Locum Town Clerk), Mrs H Merrett (Admin),
Councillor: Cllr J Lawton
Members of the Public: 3

Welcome

The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting

PR.52 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Foulkes.

PR.53 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations.

PR.54 Questions from Members of the Public on Agenda Items

A Member of the Public has found a volunteer to lead a bird walk on Rectory Wood on the Saturday of the Fun Day. It was agreed to incorporate this information into Town Council displays.

There was a question on the All Stretton Play Area regarding any updates on the gate, drainage etc. More quotes have been requested but not yet received.

It was also noted that the group Restoring Shropshire Verges have been successful in securing funding to restore the hedge and to plant wildflowers. Wicksteed should finish installing the equipment in All Stretton park in 2 weeks.

PR.55 Minutes

Cllrs considered the minutes. Proposed by Cllr Welch, seconded by Cllr Carter and

It was **RESOLVED** (unanimously) to confirm the minutes of the Public Realm Committee held on Tuesday 5th April 2022 as correct, and these were duly signed, initialled and dated on each page by the Chair as a true record.

PR.56 Project update

- Councillors noted an update on on-going projects. They wished to note their thanks to Sheila Wright for the outstanding amount of work she has undertaken in her time with the Council.
- Three contractors have visited Sandford Avenue Recreation Park (SARP) to determine what works need to be undertaken to the railings. Advice will be sought as the park is in the conservation area and the history of the railings and gates are important to the town. If a significant amount of conservation and like for like (wrought iron) replacement is required, the council may need grant funding possibly from English Heritage.

- An order has been placed with Creative Play to undertake repairs to the small children's play area – this will be funded by SARP charity.
- SHI Cottage boiler – servicing is up to date.
- SHI Fire Assembly Point at URC car park– rules will be drawn up to ensure all users know where to congregate.
- Play equipment checks – The Council is hoping to arrange a course for staff from a number of Councils which will keep the costs down.
- Welcome Back fund – where are the bike racks etc. the Town Council ordered? Locum Town Clerk to confirm.

PR.57 Summer Events

a) Councillors received a verbal update on Council Jubilee events. Flags should arrive shortly with John Vine and will be on display until 15th August (end of the Arts Festival).
All seems to be going well and weather forecast at present is good

b) Councillors received a verbal update on Strettfest
The Artist launch at the end of April went well and the next item is the Community Parade on 16th July ending at Mayfair.

PR.58 All Stretton Pay Area

Councillors considered quotations for safety gate and signage.
More quotes will be sought from local suppliers / installers as Wicksteed seem very expensive.
It was proposed by Cllr Munro, seconded by Cllr Carter and

It was **RESOLVED** (unanimously) to recommend to the Full Town Council meeting on 17th May that the existing CIL allocation be increased by £3,000 to cover replacement of the Safety Gate and Signage in All Stretton Play Area.

PR.59 Brooksbury Play Area

Councillors considered options to progress the upgrade / replacement of play equipment
More than half of the existing equipment is now out of use and unrepairable. Total replacement cost is now in the order of £100,000.
It was agreed to begin a consultation process to determine exactly what type of new equipment would be most suitable and to look into possible sources of funding.

Members of the Public left at 8.00pm

PR.60 Health & Safety

There were no Health and Safety items raised

PR.61 Institute Cottage

Councillors received a report on the condition of Institute Cottage, noted that there is money available in the SHI Charity account to pay for this work, and proposed by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Welch and

It was **RESOLVED** (unanimously) to obtain quotes from local suppliers to address decoration issues in the Institute Cottage

PR.62 Correspondence

Councillors considered a request for a member only 'Fungus Foray' in Rectory Wood and proposed by Cllr Welch, seconded by Cllr Munro and

It was **RESOLVED** (unanimously) to support a request from Shropshire Fungus Group to undertake a Fungus Foray in Rectory Wood on 18th September 2022.

PR.63 Next Meeting

Councillors **noted** the next Public Realm committee meeting will be held Tuesday 7th June 2022 at 7.00pm.

The Chair declared the meeting ended at 8.04pm

Signed by Cllr Davies Minute no PR 67

Date 7th June 2022

Chair of Church Stretton Town Council Public Realm Committee
As a true and accurate record of the above meeting.