



Church Stretton

Town Council

Minutes of the Public Realm Committee held in the Silvester Horne Institute on Tuesday 5th July 2022 commencing at 7:00pm

Present: Councillors: Cllr S Davies (Chair), Cllr N Carter, Cllr R Foulkes, Cllr B Welch. Janet Martin.

In attendance: Officers: Mrs G Bailey (RFO and Locum Town Clerk), Mrs N Hook (Deputy Town Clerk, Mrs H Merrett (Admin)
Members of the Public: None

Welcome

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting

PR.78 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A. Munro.

PR.79 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations.

PR.80 Questions from Members of the Public on Agenda Items.

There were no members of the public present

PR.81 Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Welch and **PR22/23 035 RESOLVED** unanimously to confirm the minutes of the Public Realm Committee held on Tuesday 7th June 2022 as correct, and these were duly signed, initialled and dated on each page by the Chair as a true record.

PR.82 Project Update Report

a) Elm Tree – works should take place week commencing 6th July 2022

b) Work on the 3 Willows – council has delegated authority for the Chair of Public Realm so that work can go ahead without delay at a cost of £3,950.00.

c) All Stretton Play Park – will now be opened by the Lord Lieutenant on 2nd Sept 2022 and all Volunteers will be welcome to attend an event in the SHI during the evening

d) Path across Coppice Leasowes – work starts Weds 6th July 2022 for one week. Path will remain open but access may be a little difficult during this time. A notice will be put on the TC website and Cllr Davies will also Facebook this information.

PR.83 Replacement Bin – Rectory Wood and Field

Councillors received a report on replacing the bin at Rectory Wood and Field. It was proposed by Janet Martin, seconded by Cllr Foulkes and **PR22/23 036 RESOLVED** unanimously to replace the bin (same design and position as existing) at a cost of approximately £200

PR.84 Christmas Lights

Councillors received a verbal update on the Christmas Lights switch on. It was agreed for the event group of Cllrs Carter & Foulkes to concentrate on just Christmas lights/tree and SHI Party this year. Collection boxes in local shops may collect more this year than last. More events may be considered later for 2023

PR.85 Sandford Avenue Park

Councillors received a report on the proposed works to toilets and other areas needing attention at Sandford Avenue Park.

2nd and 3rd toilet quotes received have proved very expensive.

It was noted that paths in the park are badly worn and may present a trip hazard. Path repairs were quoted at around £50,000 3 years ago (would be more now), railing repairs may cost £20,000 and toddler equipment about £3,000

As there is only £85,000 in the charity budget Councillors noted that doing repair work in phases may be preferable. Priorities need to be decided.

PR.86 Strettfest

Councillors received a verbal update on Strettfest. Due to reduced funding here will be a shortened parade ending with a Picnic in the Park. The Scouts will provide PA equipment and there will be an insect themed trail around town. It was agreed that the Council Outdoor team will put out on Friday & collect road closure signs on Monday (closures have been agreed with Shropshire Council). 3 gazebos from the store need to be moved to the Scout Hut by the Outdoor Team.

There will be a family film in the SHI.

PR.87 Lutwyche Road Toilets

Councillors received a report on the vandalism to the toilets to Lutwyche Road.

There have been 3 incidents in quick succession seemingly by secondary school pupils. Various options were discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Foulkes and **PR22/23 037 RESOLVED** unanimously to close the Lutwyche Road toilets at 4pm instead of 7pm daily and review at the next Public Realm meeting on 6th September 2022.

PR.88 Bonfires

To receive a report on the need for bonfires.

The council has previously resolved not to have any bonfires on their land (although the Scouts bonfire night event is fine). It was agreed to chip/shred all green waste except dangerous weeds - which need to be sprayed with weed killer, not strimmed). Chippings can be used on paths in the area they are produced in eg. the allotments or Rectory Wood. Chipping needs to be co-ordinated with Volunteers

day – starting in the last Thursday in September 2022, and also last Thursday in October, if needed. A training session needs to be held before this event.

PR.89 Street Lighting

It was proposed by Cllr Welch, seconded by Cllr Carter and **PR22/23 038 RESOLVED** unanimously approved the replacement of a dangerous street light at Hazler Road at a cost of £1,015.00.

PR.90 Health & Safety

Councillors received an update from Locum Town Clerk on the health issue with the Seasonal Outdoor Worker.

Councillors also noted that a review of the toilet cleaning contracts needs to be undertaken.

Following a complaint from Mr Lees next door to the SHI regarding vibrations, it was decided to review the hiring documentation. Perhaps new Community Hall funding money could be available to provide a solution?

PR.91 Next Meeting

Councillors noted the next Public Realm committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 7.00pm

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting ended at 8.05pm

Signed by

Date 6th September 2022

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