



Church Stretton

Town Council

Minutes of the Public Realm Committee held in the Silvester Horne Institute on Tuesday 6th December 2022 commencing at 7:00pm

Present: Councillors: Cllr S Davies, Cllr A Munro, Cllr R Foulkes

In attendance: Officers: Mrs N Hook (Locum Town Clerk), Mrs G Bailey (RFO), Mrs H Merrett (Committees and Finance). Cllr J Lawton

Members of the Public: None

Welcome

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting

PR.135 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr N Carter, Cllr B Welch & Janet Martin.

PR.136 Disclosable Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

PR.137 Questions from Members of the Public on Agenda Items.

There were no members of the public present

PR.138 Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Munro, seconded by Cllr Foulkes and **PR22/23 051 RESOLVED** unanimously to confirm the minutes of the Public Realm Committee held on Tuesday 1st Nov 2022 as correct. These were duly signed, initialled and dated on each page by the Chair as a true record.

PR.139 Project Update

Councillors received a report on the progress of outstanding projects and noted that updates are now showing in RED on the report. The section showing funds either available or required is very useful, and it was agreed that a section showing priorities would also be good. Councillors will make notes individually of their preferred priorities to bring to the next meeting.

- 1. Brooksbury / Churchill Road Play Area**
Cost for this will be in the order of £100,000, of which approximately £55,000 is currently available in the Charity account and CIL funds. So the Council can afford to order some equipment for installation in the summer 2023, and commence fundraising for the remainder. Various residents managed to raise considerable funds for the All Stretton Play Area equipment and their advice/expertise should be sought to help with this project.
- 2. Quiet Contemplation Area – Brooksbury**
Work on this area is now complete.
- 3. Sandford Avenue Park**
Gates and Railings – Gates are to be repaired (not replaced), Railings could be either repaired or replaced. A Heritage Grant needs to be applied for to fund this.
Paths – some sections are very uneven and need urgent repair work.
- 4. Institute Cottage**
Work has started this week. Much more work will be needed than originally thought, such as replacement kitchen cupboards (not just doors), repairs to leaking roof/chimney, damp proofing and either replacement windows or secondary glazing.
- 5. SHI**
Much work and funds needed to upgrade.
- 6. Fees**
Conversations need to be had with clubs regarding their usage of courts /pitches etc and review fees.

PR.140 Budgets

Cllrs received the proposed budgets for the 2023/24 and it was proposed by Cllr Munro, seconded by Cllr Foulkes and **PR22/23 052 RESOLVED** unanimously to recommend this budget.

PR.141 Churchill Road Play Area Consultation

Cllrs received a report on the provision of a Youth Shelter and noted the findings of the recent play area consultation. It was agreed that the shelter should be put somewhere accessible and visible, not hidden away. It needs to be a phased development and fund raising is likely to be needed to cover costs.

PR.142 Closure of Churchway on Market Days

Cllrs received a report on the proposed closure of Churchway and considered action. Churchway is currently closed until 5th January 2023 as the Christmas Tree is in place. It was agreed to take this report to Full Council on 20th December.

PR.143 Kings Coronation

Cllrs received a request relating to the planting of Oak trees in recognition of the King's Coronation. It was agreed to speak to Tree Warden Hilary Hymas to

determine whether the bottom of the Burway would be a good site for this or if she could suggest a better position.

PR.144. Next Meeting

Councillors noted the next Public Realm committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.00pm

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting ended at 8.58pm

Signed by

Date 10th January 2023

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

Approved