

## HONITON TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Green and Open Spaces Committee Meeting held via Zoom on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 at 7.00 pm

#### Present

##### St Michael's Ward

Cllr J Taylor  
Cllr J Zarczynski  
Cllr J McNally

##### St Paul's Ward

Cllr R Coombs  
Cllr C Gilson  
Cllr P Carrigan

#### In attendance

Heloise Marlow, Deputy Town Clerk  
1 member of the public

### PART A

**19/28** The Chairman welcomed Councillors and in attendance.

#### **19/29 To elect a Chair of the Green and Open Spaces Committee**

Cllr Zarczynski proposed Cllr Taylor, and this was seconded by Cllr Carrigan.

There were no other nominations. Cllr Taylor was elected unanimously as Chairman.

#### **19/30 To elect a Vice-Chair of the Green and Open Spaces Committee**

Cllr Zarczynski proposed Cllr Coombs, and this was seconded by Cllr Carrigan.

There were no other nominations. Cllr Coombs was elected unanimously as Vice-Chair.

#### **19/31 To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr L Dolby (personal reasons)

#### **19/32 To receive declarations of interest**

None received

#### **19/33 To note the grant of dispensations made by the Town Clerk in relation to the business of this meeting.**

None were made.

#### **19/34 Public question time on items on the agenda**

There were no public questions

#### **19/35 To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Green and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

Signed Chair

As only Cllr Coombs and Cllr Taylor would be able to approve the minutes, as the other Councillors had not been present at the meeting, and as Cllr Taylor advised that he would be unable to approve the minutes as he had not received a hard copy of these prior to the meeting, the Deputy Clerk confirmed that she would bring the minutes to Full Council for approval.

## **PART A MATTERS FOR DECISION**

### **19/36 Schedule 14 Application – Footpath at Whitmore Way**

The Deputy Clerk presented her report.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to recommend to Full Council not to accept the offer received from Burges Salmon acting for The Crown Estate to purchase the land on the East side of Sidmouth Road, Honiton (comprised within the former freehold title number DN219841 previously owned by Wessex (Somerton) Ltd (Dissolved).

Proposed by Cllr Coombs and seconded by Cllr Taylor.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to recommend to Full Council that Honiton Town Council continue with the Schedule 14 application submitted to Devon County Council which was due to be determined at their Public Rights of Way Committee meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> November with Devon County Council's decision to be discussed at Full Council.

Proposed by Cllr Coombs and seconded by Cllr Taylor.

### **19/37 Footpaths and Open Spaces Report**

Cllr Coombs presented his report.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to recommend to Full Council that Cllr Coombs be nominated to pursue the action proposed in his report.

Proposed by Cllr Zarczynski and seconded by Cllr Carrigan.

### **19/38 Wadmore Lane Report**

Cllr Coombs presented his report.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to recommend to Full Council that Cllr Coombs be nominated to discuss the lane continuation with relevant landowners, obtain Land Charges and Land Registry evidence of land ownership and subject to agreements, erect gates of restricted width at both ends of the continuation together with a public way signpost at the south west end and a second public way sign on the junction post.

**Signed Chair**

Proposed by Cllr Coombs and seconded by Cllr Carrigan.

### **19/39 Wadmore Lane Footbridge Report**

Cllr Coombs presented his report which had previously been presented to the Green and Open Spaces Committee at their meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019. However, the Committee's recommendation was not then taken to Full Council.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to recommend to Full Council that attempts be made to secure funding to provide a footbridge at Wadmore Lane.

Proposed by Cllr McNally and seconded by Cllr Zarczynski.

### **19/40 River Gissage Walk Report**

Cllr Coombs presented his report.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to recommend to Full Council that Honiton Town Council agrees expenditure of costs and staff time in obtaining Land Registry searches and that discussions can be held with landowners and interested parties as set out in his report to enable the projects to progress to the stage where firm proposals including required funding can be brought again to HTC for decisions to be made. All efforts are to be made to engage the Environment Agency in the process to include arranging a site meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Coombs and seconded by Cllr Gilson.

### **19/41 Other Routes with Public Access Report**

Cllr Coombs presented his report.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to recommend to Full Council that a land registry search be carried out for the road covered by the 1932 magistrates order considered by Devon County Council in 2010 and that should the land be unregistered Honiton Town Council undertake a local consultation procedure in respect of the erection of public way signs.

Proposed by Cllr Coombs and seconded by Cllr Taylor.

### **19/42 Roundball Wood Inspection Report**

Cllr Coombs presented his report.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to recommend to Full Council that Roundball Wall be closed temporarily to enable the repair of structures to be carried out and that three quotes be obtained in respect of the works required as soon as possible.

Proposed by Cllr Zarczynski and seconded by Cllr Carrigan.

**Signed Chair**

**19/43 Parishes Together Ditching and Drainage Works**

Members were provided with an update regarding the works covered by the Parishes Together grant which was noted.

**19/44 To close the meeting**

The meeting was closed at 8.45 pm.

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