



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE
OF STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, CIVIC CENTRE, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN
3 PM ON THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY 2018**

PRESENT: Councillors J A Shaw (Chair)
Mrs J P Bennett
C Brewer
D Little
C Rogers

Observer: Councillor Mrs V M Higgs

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor R Lloyd. Councillor C Brewer deputised for Councillor Lloyd. Members requested consideration be given to working commitments prior to arranging future meetings.

16. MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17th October 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

18. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PRIORITY AND BUDGET SETTING 2017/18

The Treasurer presented a report in relation to the budget for 2018/19.

The Committee approved the revised estimate for 2017/18 and draft budget for 2018/19 including the Vehicle and Plant programme. The Committee approved "headline" cemetery fees be increased from £670 to £700 with effect from 1st April 2018 together with other cemetery fees being increased by the same percentage.

The Committee approved a nil increase for rents for allotments for 2018/19.

19. TOWN CENTRE FLORAL DISPLAYS

Members considered bids in relation to service options.

1. Actual income and expenditure for the 6 months ended 30th September was noted
2. The Committee approved the revised estimate for 2017/18, the draft budget for 2018/19 and the Vehicle and Plant Programme
3. The Committee approved the proposals in relation to cemetery fees and allotments as detailed in item 4) above.
4. The Committee recommended to the Finance Committee that a sum of £10,000 be delegated to the Parks Committee to spend on service improvements within the operational jurisdiction of the Committee.

20. CENTENARY FIELDS

The Committee considered a proposal in respect of a Fields in Trust Centenary Programme. Approved in principle although a more detailed report to be submitted to the next Committee.

21. PETANQUE PITCH

The Committee considered a request to consider a Petanque pitch to be installed in the Memorial Park. To be investigated and a more detailed report be submitted to the next meeting.

22. NOTICE BOARDS AND SIGNAGE

The Committee considered options in relation to signage and notice board provision at the War Memorial Park. To be considered as part of 19.4 above in relation to service options.

23. FINANCIAL DONATION FROM FRIENDS OF THE PARK AND PURCHASE OF NEW INFANTS PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Committee noted the financial donation from the disbanded Friends of the Park group and the purchase of a new feature from Wicksteed called Marco Polo in the infants play area.

24. GREEN FLAG ACCREDITATION

The Committee approved in principle a bid to be scoped to enable the Council to attain Green Flag accreditation in relation to the War Memorial Park. Further reports to be submitted to future meetings.

The meeting was closed at 4.05pm.