



**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 TUESDAY 31ST JULY 2018**

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23rd January 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. SAFETY OF CROSS LOWER LICKHILL ROAD TO MEMORIAL PARK

Councillor Rogers advised the Committee that a new Highways Liaison Officer is to commence duties very shortly and he would pursue the issue of road safety at the crossing of Lower Lickhill Road to the Memorial Park.

5. RIVERSIDE PADDLING POOL

The Committee were advised that the current management arrangements for the Riverside Paddling Pool still apply, ie; Wyre Forest District Council retain maintenance responsibilities on a sliding scale financially up to the financial year 2020/21.

6. SPLASH PAD SUGGESTION FROM LOCAL RESIDENT

The Committee considered a Splash Pad suggestion for the Memorial Park from a local resident. Splash Pads are popular but very expensive in capital and revenue terms. The request was noted and it was agreed that the Committee would consider the provision of a Splash Pad at the Riverside in the event of further S106 monies becoming available to the Town Council.

7. FIELDS IN TRUST CENTENARY PROGRAMME

The Committee approved an application for the Fields in Trust Centenary Programme at the War Memorial Park.

8. GREEN FLAG ACCREDITATION

The Committee considered a proposal to apply for Green Flag accreditation. Concerns were expressed over value for money considerations relating to the proposal. A report to be submitted to the next Committee meeting detailing progress made against the existing Management Plan 2012 to 2022 before making any decision as to proceed with a Green Flag application.

The Chair considered an offer from Stourport Rotary Club to plant 30 trees in the War Memorial Park. It was agreed a report be submitted to the next Committee meeting detailing the proposed planting and management/maintenance arrangements after discussion with the Parks Manager.

The meeting was closed at 3.50pm.