



## SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.00 pm at The Broadway Centre, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 9GG

**Present:** Mayor Cllr Mereweather  
Cllrs: Andre, Brading, Cowley, Dupre, Humby, Lightfoot, Patel, Young  
**In attendance:** Town Clerk Tina Bailey and public.  
**Recording:** The meeting was filmed by Cllr Lightfoot in his capacity as a member of the public and not a Town Councillor or on behalf of the Town Council.

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Issues raised regarding the toilets, replacement flagpole, tourism, 2017/18 accounts and details of a table top sale in support of the playground fundraising

#### **1688/18 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Ward

#### **1689/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

- 1 To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non -pecuniary interests  
As IW Ward Councillors, Cllrs Andre and Brading declared an interest in any matters relating to IW Council.
- 2 To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations. None.

#### **1670/18 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES**

To approve the minutes of the previous meetings held on 18th June 2018

##### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were approved.

#### **1682/18 CASUAL VACANCY**

To note the vacancy in Sandown South and closing date of notice.

##### **RESOLVED**

That both the vacancy and the closing date of notice as 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018, are noted.

#### **1683/18 SANDHAM GARDENS PLAY AREAS – to receive an update from the Clerk.**

The Clerk reported that all staff had successfully undertaken training from a professional playground inspector which was combined with his post installation inspection of the new surface and playground repairs in the Steven Jenkins playground. Minor repairs have been highlighted and it was also noted that the new surface is springy in places, possibly indicating that the rubber tiles beneath it had collapsed. The Clerk will contact the supplier for further investigation.

The Inspector has again reiterated that the smaller multi play units were at the end of their life and need replacement and also recommended that the skate park ramps should also be looked at, to assess their end of life date for replacement. The Clerk suggested that the two smaller units needed for the Steven Jenkins playground could be provided from the VAT refund and installed later this year during the quieter months. It was noted that the council has already agreed earmarking the VAT from the £60K recently spent on the playground towards the large multi play equipment replacement (min: no1672/18 (2))

It was noted that some members of the public present at the meeting, expressed their outrage that any VAT refunded money should be spent on playground equipment.

**RESOLVED**

- That the Town Council obtains quotes for the pieces of equipment again.
- That the matter is reviewed and a decision is made regarding the funding source for replacement equipment, when the VAT has actually been refunded.
- That the public are fully consulted to obtain their approval for the funding of replacement play equipment in the Steven Jenkins playground.

The Clerk asked for clarification regarding the repairs of playground equipment and what would be considered acceptable work to be undertaken by the maintenance person.

**RESOLVED**

That minor repairs can be undertaken by the appropriate council staff but any repair which requires the use of main power tools has to be undertaken by qualified contractors.

**1684/18 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING MOTION FROM CLLR. ANDRE**

To discuss the provision of Portaloos at strategic points along the Esplanade from Napoleon's Landing to Yaverland car park for a set period during the summer months, to allow for the increased need and any potential planned or unplanned closures of the permanent toilet buildings already provided

Details of the costs were provided. Discussion took place on the need for IWC permission to site the toilets, the lack of availability of sufficient Portaloos at short notice and during the height of the summer season, vandalism issues, the offensive smell from Portaloos and the impact on the Esplanade vista and insurance. It was noted that the number of public toilets available for use in Sandown this year is identical to the previous year.

**RESOLVED**

That the motion to provide Portaloos is rejected.

**1685/18 BROADWAY CENTRE COSTS**

To note costs for the storage building (agreed min 1677/18) and agree costs for replacement a Flag Pole

**RESOLVED**

That the storage unit cost of £7200 for supply, delivery and erection was noted.

**RESOLVED**

That the flag pole is not replaced.

That should another organisation offer to provide one, the council would consider acceptance.

**1686/18 FINANCES**

1. To approve the schedule of payments.

**RESOLVED**

Approved

2. To receive the bank reconciliation

**RESOLVED**

The accuracy of the bank reconciliation was questioned? As the Clerk did not have the current bank statement to hand, she offered to take the paperwork back to the office to confirm it and report back.

3. To receive the expenditure against budget to the end of June month.

## **RESOLVED**

Received

4. To agree authorisation of payments during August recess

### **RESOLVED**

That authorisation is granted for signatories to make the August payments and the schedule is to be provided to the Sept meeting for information.

5. To authorise application for a debit card

### **RESOLVED**

Agreed but noted that it would be unlikely to be provided if the account requires more than one signatory.

## **1687/18 TO RECEIVE / NOTE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS**

### **1. Town Clerk's report including any correspondence**

The Clerk reported that the poor condition of the drainage ditches around Sandham Gardens in Sandown has been raised and the IWC seem to consider this is the Town Council's responsibility. The Clerk advised that the Town Council is not legally responsible for this ditch, which runs for a considerable length beyond Sandham Gardens onto IWC land but could be remove the occasional dumped item if needed.

Jet ski users –concerns have been raised regarding public safety due to the behaviour of some irresponsible jet ski users. The Clerk will liaise with Lake and Shanklin as this is a problem involving all across the Bay, to see if a joint approach could be arranged and will also write to the Portsmouth Harbour Master.

RNLI flagged areas on beach – further to the complaint received by a beach business, the council will review the future contract for the lifeguards to see if the problem can be avoided.

Notice board at Library – as there is limited wall space on the walls of the library, a notice board will be fitted on the external wall of St John's Road toilets for the remainder of this year.

### **2. Town Councillors reports**

Swim Safe – the Mayor reported on the launch of the Swim Safe campaign being held during the summer and noted that the presence of the RNLI secured the use of Sandown beach for this campaign.

Anti- social behaviour in the High Street is putting off tourists returning to Sandown.

The Council congratulate the Green Town Volunteers for winning a recent award

An update on the dredging issue was received.

The ADIZONE equipment has been removed and the surface made safe and is being held at Hydromar, pending a future decision by council

The new junior skate park is to be installed this week and will be up and running for the school holidays.

A report was provided regarding the meeting held at the Medical Centre relating to the closure of the patients list.

**3. Members of outside bodies**

Storage of the Chronicle – Cllr Humby will arrange a meeting with the Clerk and Sandown Heritage regarding storage.

**4. Written reports from IW Councillors - noted**

**NEXT MEETING**

There is no meeting held in August.

The next full Town Council meeting will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 20.27.

**Mayor** .....  
17<sup>th</sup> September 2018