



## Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Present Councillors: **D. Oxley (Chair), D. Brown and T. Murphy.**

Apologies were received from Councillors: **None.**

**There was one member of the public in attendance.**

**The meeting started at 1.00pm**

**EN/2023/01 To receive and approve reasons for absence.**

**Resolved:-** The council received no apologies before the meeting. It was noted that A. Scott was absent.

**EN/2023/02 To receive declarations of interest in respect of business on the agenda.**

**Resolved:-** No declarations of interest were received.

**EN/2023/03 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

**Resolved:-** No matters arising from the minutes and therefore the minutes for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January were signed by the chairperson as a true copy.

**EN/2023/04 To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of the press and public, due to the confidential nature to be discussed.**

**Resolved:-** Items 6 (Minute EN/2023/06) & 13 (Minute EN/2023/13) were identified for closed session. The Chair passed to amend the order of the meeting and brought Item 13 forward to be discussed at the same time.

**EN/2023/05 Public Participation Session**

No questions were received from members of the public.

**EN/2023/06 CLOSED SESSION - For the council to receive the legal advice from Bradford & Sons and discuss the tendering procedure for the ground's contractors.**

The Clerk received a Letter of Advice Note to advise the Council on issues relating to previous tendering arrangements made by the council and the Council's legal responsibilities.



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Councillors discussed the advice and the need to issue notice to begin the tendering process for each of the contractors with the council by written notice. The Council will review requirements to ensure the contracts are fit for purpose to start new contracts with the council in April 2024.

### **EN/2023/13 CLOSED SESSION – To discuss litter control provided by employees of the council.**

Councillors discussed the job description of the Lengthsman for the Council. The Clerk advised that any HR matters need to be directed through the HR Committee.

Councillors have raised that the Lengthsman should have a cart for his role. The Clerk has agreed to look into this as part of the HR process.

### **EN/2023/07 To discuss a barrier placement around Thurcroft Recreation Ground following antisocial behaviour and vehicle access to the field.**

Councillors discussed that as a Council we will never be able to stop small motorbikes and quadbikes. However, there are measures that need to be taken to restrict larger vehicles from entering the field.

On a local visit, The Clerk and Chair of Environment obtained quotes from a local contractor on 2 different schemes for knee-rail fencing across Thurcroft Recreation ground, as well as a quote for moving rocks from Laughton Common to Thurcroft.

The Committee resolved to take the quotes to the Full Council for decision.

### **EN/2023/08 To discuss the provision of hanging baskets across Thurcroft, Brampton and Laughton Common.**

Councillors have counted that there are 50 lampposts, which would accommodate 26 hanging baskets throughout the village. Councillors would like more information on where other parish council's get their baskets made. The Clerk to make initial contact with RMBC on permission to display hanging baskets and any restraints.

### **EN/2023/09 To discuss the flower beds.**

Councillors have made the decision to buy the flowers in-house rather than through the contracted service. Risks were highlighted by the Clerk and other councillors at the scale of the job that needs to be undertaken to purchase and plant the flowers.

Councillors have identified flower beds that they would like to be removed and replaced with flower bulbs. The Clerk to obtain a quote from contractor to remove flower beds.



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### **EN/2023/10 To discuss the provision of grit sand and storage tubs.**

Councillors would like to provide more grit bins in the village. Locations are yet to be identified.

RMBC drop grit off free of charge. Look at dry storage for grit salt to be stored in the village.

**NOTE: One councillor left the meeting, making the meeting inquorate and no other business was able to take place.**

**Meeting concluded at 2pm.**