**MEETING OF THE RECREATION, PARKS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON 10TH JULY 2023 AT 7:05PM**

**Present:**

Cllr A Allen Cllr E Kelly

Cllr U Arnold Cllr S Oldrieve

Cllr S Brooke Cllr S Simmons

**In attendance:**

Mr M Wells – Town Clerk

Consultant – Play Area Tender (remotely)

*The meeting was chaired by Cllr Kelly.*

**RP&P.23/32 Apologies for Absence**:

Cllr O Mills – Personal commitment

**RP&P.23/33 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

None.

**\*\*Public Participation:**

None.

**RP&P.23/34 Minutes**:

i) The minutes of the meeting of 30th May 2023 *(\*copy previously circulated)* were confirmed as a correct record and approved.

ii) There were no further updates given on actions/items from the previous meeting.

**RP&P.23/35 Standing Item – Climate and Ecology Emergency:**

Members noted the Council Declaration and will embed the climate emergency declaration across all Council services, activities, plans and other relevant work, considering the environmental impact of decisions, ensuring a fully integrated approach to mitigating the impact of climate change.

**RP&P.23/36 Friends of Mill Marsh Park (FoMMP)**

Members received and noted minutes of the previous meeting held on 06.07.23 (*\*copy previously circulated*). Cllr Brooke provided a verbal update around current actions of the group and answered questions from members.

**RP&P.23/37 Redevelopment of Mill Marsh Park Play Area**

Members receiveda report seeking considerationof the appointment of the contractor following completion of the tender process (*\*copy previously circulated*):

**Resolved:** Following discussion members resolved to:

i) Approve the appointment of Contractor A as the contractor who has both complied with the Council’s requirements in terms of their submission and has also scored highest in the assessment for the redevelopment of the Children’s Play Area in Mill Marsh Park.

ii) Approve an on-site start date for the works of 1st September 2023.

iii) Authorise the Committee Chairman and Officers of the Council to collectively

negotiate with the successful contractor to include changes and/or additions to the submitted design to enhance its play value and to more closely meet the Council’s ambitions for the area. The cost of any changes to be met within the allocated contingency sum.

iv) Approve the sharing of anonymised data with the three companies who submitted tenders in order to assist them with future submissions.

*The consultant for the Play Area Tender left the meeting at 7.28pm.*

**RP&P.23/38 Hedgehogs R Us Highway Project**

Members considered agreeing action as appropriate following the resolution to decline the request from ‘Hedgehogs R Us Highway Project’.

**Resolved:** Following discussion, members agreed to:

i) defer the item for consideration at a future meeting, and

ii) in the interim for Cllrs Oldrieve and Simmons to arrange an informal meeting inviting members of the community and appropriate charities etc with an interest to discuss how the Town Council can consider being more proactive. Cllrs Oldrieve and Simmons to report feedback to a future committee meeting.

**RP&P.23/39 Riverside Community Centre – Public Toilets – Redecoration**

Members considered approving a quotation for the internal repainting of the public toilets at the Riverside Community Centre:

**Resolved:** To approve Quotation A.

**RP&P.23/40 Matters brought forward by the Town Clerk & Councillors**: (*for information)*

**Cllr Brooke** advised that the South-West in Bloom Judging takes place on Tuesday 11th July in Bovey Tracey.

**Cllr Allen** requested an update around the Football Pavilion redevelopment. The Town Clerk advised that following the commissioning of an external CGI, the Commercial Agent will now be drafting particulars.

**Cllr Allen** requested an update around the proposed Youth Shelter. Cllr Brooke advised that funding requests were being submitted to Sibelco and other local Councillor and Trust funds.

**Cllr Simmons** raised the current usage of the Community Centre and how it was performing in addition to future building enhancements to support the users of the centre. The Town Clerk will include a future agenda item and performance report at the next meeting.

**Cllr Oldrieve** referred to recent communication from the Tennis Club and referred to the club’s feedback on conditions for usage. The Town Clerk advised that this would be considered formally if the club are successful for future developer funding.

Meeting Closed 7.51pm