



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 23 February 2023 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Quay Road, NE24 2AS

Present:

Councillors: K Nisbet (chair), M Richardson (Vice-Chair), A Cartie, C Humphrey, J R Potts, J Reid, M Robson, S Stanger, A Watson

Also Present: Councillor G Davey

Officers: J Hughes, Town Clerk, M Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk, D Clough, General Services Officer

Other Attendees:

Members of the Public: 1

Minute No	
1	Apologies for Absence Councillors: A Barrass, B Erskine, C Jones, W Taylor. M Hawthorne, Committee Clerk
2	Disclosure of Interests Grant of Dispensations There were no disclosures of interest.
3	Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24 November 2022 The minutes were noted as a true record.
4	Actions arising from previous Minutes Bolam Avenue Allotments Boundary – change to boundary. Update: NCC have acknowledged that the land and trees are their responsibility. Action resolved.

	Councillor Reid thanked Officers for the way they approached this.
5	Environment Budget Monitoring Report Members noted the content and no queries were raised.
6	Decision Report 1 – Result of Consultation Exercise, New Play Area, Hodgsons Road Estate Members unanimously agreed that all of the views were important and as such all of the consultation documents received would be considered. On that basis, it was RESOLVED that the new play area be sited in the new location on the field to the rear of Chestnut Avenue.
7	Decision Report 2 – Association Lease Agreement Members RESOLVED to enter into further lease agreements with BSHAA and NNDDA from August 2023 for a period of seven years in line with existing agreements.
8	Delegated Actions Report There were no delegated actions to report.
9	Specific Allotment Issues It was agreed that Officers produce a report for the next Environment Committee which will inform members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many allotment plots BTC have? • How many are empty? • How long does it take to re-let empty plots? • Officers to give thought to where BTC could develop new allotment sites.
10	Enforcement Reports are circulated on a monthly basis. Members are reminded that any queries should be raised with the Town Clerk upon receipt of the reports.

11	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk gave an update on the progress of the skate park. BTC are awaiting information from Shred the North in the hope that a Special Environment Committee can be called in the near future to discuss this.</p>
12	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Environment Committee will be held on Tuesday 30 May 2023 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House.</p>
13	<p>Part II</p> <p>Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960; that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.</p>

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