



**Peoples Park Wildlife Area
Committee Meeting,**



Tuesday 22nd September 2015, at 4:00 pm



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Present: Liz Brookes-Hocking, Jade Walters, Anne Hughes, Laura Conyngham,
In attendance: Clare Dalley, Town Clerk

1 To Elect a Committee Chairman

It was **resolved** to elect Anne Hughes as Committee Chairman.

2 To Elect a Committee Deputy Chairman

It was **resolved** to elect Liz Brookes-Hocking as Committee Deputy Chairman.

3 To receive and accept apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Kendra Ezekiel, Yvonne Crone and Frank Letch

4 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

5 Peoples Park Wildlife Area Committee Minutes - To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Peoples Park Wildlife Area Committee Meeting held on 6th May 2015.

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Peoples Park Wildlife Area Committee Meeting held on 6th May as a correct record.

6 Matters Arising

Liz asked for an update on minute number 32 'Sponsorship'. Clare advised that she had attended a meeting with the Store Manager and Area Manager at the Co-op, unfortunately, they had declined the request.

7 To review the project including:

• **Actionable points from the last meeting**

Clare gave the following update:

- ✿ A bird seed feeder had been purchased.
- ✿ Tesco's planters had arrived over the summer and had been planted with herbs by Pippins Pre-school.
- ✿ Georgina Ford had purchased and donated a picnic bench and this had been placed at the top of the wildlife area.
- ✿ The tree work had been completed.
- ✿ The grant application submitted to the Police Crime beat panel for solar lighting had been declined.
- ✿ The wood chip had been laid.

The bird feeder was discussed and it was **resolved** to purchase another feeder, of the same robust design for peanuts, which would attract a different variety of birds and may not require re-filling as often as a seed feeder. It was further **resolved** for members to attend the wildlife area to assess where the feeders could go.

- **Donations**

This had been covered under minute numbers 6 & 7.

- **Sponsorship**

It was **resolved** for Clare to write to the Co-op to ask them to clarify their community fund policy and ask for details of how their Crediton store has been engaging with the community through the fund since opening in the spring of 2015. It was further agreed to ask for the same information for their Exeter store, in order to gain a comparative view.

- **Finances**

The Clerk advised there was approximately £381 in the project fund.

8 **To discuss and agree any further actions required.**

Laura thought that in the overall design plan it had been agreed for bulbs to be planted and we are approaching the correct time of year to do this.

It was **resolved** as follows:

- ✿ To allocate up to £50 for the purchase of bulbs
- ✿ Clare to speak to Kendra to establish the type and number of bulbs to be purchased.
- ✿ Clare to purchase the required bulbs.
- ✿ Clare to contact Kendra and Yvonne to see if they are available to attend a bulb planting morning on either Sat 24th, Mon 26th, Tues 27th or Wed 28th October.
- ✿ Clare to contact Kendra and ask her what other plants she would like purchased, in order that prices can be sought.

It was felt that an information board was required for the area. The board could show the design plan of the area and give information regarding the plants and the types of wildlife in the area. It was agreed that the board would be changed on a regular basis in order to accurately reflect the changes to the area. It would need to be of a design that suited the general rustic area and it would be beneficial to have doors so that information can be displayed in the dry and changed as and when required. Clare confirmed she would investigate.

9 **To discuss if the Committee would like to consider transforming any other areas within Crediton**

Laura suggested considering the play areas that were under threat of closure by Mid Devon District Council. It was noted that many of these play areas did not contain play equipment but did contain tarmac areas. It was felt that even if these areas did not require transforming there was a need to protect public open spaces within Crediton in order to prevent them being sold and developed upon in the future. It was **resolved** to recommend to the full council that Fulda Crescent, Greenways and Spinningpath Gardens



are taken over by the Town Council as public open spaces and that Beech Park is taken over by the Town Council as a play area.

It was **resolved** that the next area within the town that required attention was the land located to the west of Queen Elizabeth Drive, as it was unkept and negatively impacted on the approach to the town.

As the committee was now considering transforming other areas within the town, it was felt that the name of the Committee may need to change to accurately reflect this. After some thought members agreed that 'Open Spaces Committee' was a more appropriate title. Clare confirmed she would refer the matter to the council.

10 Close

It was agreed for the next meeting to be on Tuesday, 17th November 2015, at 4.00pm. The meeting closed at 5.35 pm

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