

**Minutes of the Town Projects Committee meeting held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 at 7pm in the Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea.**

Present: Cllr T Nicholls (Deputy Chair), Cllr N Jones OBE, Cllr Mrs P Burge, Cllr M Mansfield, Cllr Miss Parkin  
Mrs D Emery – Town Clerk, Mrs L Williams – Deputy Town Clerk

20/14/TPC Apologies and Declarations of Interest

- Cllr Ms Lawson (prior engagement)
- Cllr Young (work)

There were no declarations of Interest.

Cllr Clarke was not present

21/14/TPC Bus Shelter & seat request for the Esplanade and Marine Cove Gardens seats

The Clerk informed Members that Clear Channel have installed shelters free of charge and were recompensed through advertising space, however their contract is up in July with SDC. Therefore there would be delay in progression of request.

Members were concerned that they may not have a say in the design of the shelter and as it is in a conservation area may not be in keeping. Also this part of the pavement had a slightly different layout and starts to narrow where the entrance to the beach is. It was noted that there was a seat approximately 10 metres away.

Cllr Mansfield PROPOSED not to proceed with this application as it would not be in keeping with the seafront. This was SECONDED by Cllr Miss Parkin, all members voted in favour.

**ACTION** The Clerk would notify the person who requested the shelter of the committee's decision.

The Clerk updated members, as previously agreed, a payment of £1K for Marine Cove garden seats and £2K for the South Esplanade shelter seating had been sent to SDC.

Members were also informed of a request from a close family member of a previous landlord to have a seat sited within close proximity of the Somerset & Dorset Inn. This was discussed but the conclusion was that there was no land suitable or available close to the Inn.

**ACTION** The Clerk would write to the family member.

Cllr Mrs Burge informed the Committee that she had been approached by a resident asking how much it would be to put a bench along Marine Drive in memory of someone. Costs involved are £600 for the bench, plus an amount for the plaque; the town council pays for the bench to be installed and the license obtained and also takes on the maintenance.

It was suggested that it would be helpful to have a list that identified where benches could be installed across the towns.

**ACTION** The Clerk was asked to put location of benches on the next agenda

22/14/TPC Update on the Residents Guide

The Clerk informed members that the 1<sup>st</sup> Draft has been completed. There are now a couple of photographs to be added, so then have to wait for 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft. It is expected to be published and distributed within the next couple of months.

23/14/TPC Dog Warden Cover for Burnham and Highbridge Parish

The Clerk reminded members that the Town Council had agreed to keep a status quo on the current beach bans. Beach Wardens are trained to issue on the spot fines and so are PCSO's – but members felt that this was not working. Some of the footpaths leading up to the beach are disgusting.

The Clerk informed members that last year SDC employed an extra person during the summer period to enforce the law on dog fouling but doesn't believe this was going to happen this year.

Members discussed the possibility of employing a local person for 'out of hours' cover i.e. outside 9am-5pm.

**ACTION**

The Clerk was asked to contact Adrian Gardiner at SDC to see if this suggestion was practicable and possible for the Town Council to take on and if SDC would need to pick up on the 'legislative' part i.e. issuing of fines / prosecution, also if there would be costs involved.

24/14/TPC Date of Next Meeting

Members NOTED the next meeting of this committee was to be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7pm at The Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Rd.

**The following matters being confidential business, it was proposed by Cllr Miss Parkin and seconded by Cllr Nicholls that members of the Press and Public should be asked to leave in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.**

25/13/TPC Nominations for Civic Awards for 2014

Members considered the list of nominations for this year's Civic Awards.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:00hrs