

**RAUNDS TOWN COUNCIL****ENVIRONMENT LEISURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE****Minutes: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Time 7:30pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Curtis (Deputy Chairman), Cllr R Levell, Cllr M Levell, Cllr R Beattie, Cllr S Hughes, Cllr D Hughes.

**Also Present:**

Mr Steve Beech, Town Clerk (Minutes)

**627.21 To Receive Apologies for absence.**

Apologies received from Cllr L Wilkes, and Cllr B Cross.

**RESOLVED** to note the apologies.

**628.21 Notification of requests from members of the public to address the meeting in compliance with adopted protocol.**

Natasha Taylor to speak regarding item 632.21.

**629.21 Notification of members questions in compliance with the council's standing orders.**

None received.

**630.21 Declarations of Interest**

COUNCILLORS ARE REMINDED THAT IF THEY HAVE EITHER A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST OR OTHER INTEREST IN ANY ITEM THEN THEY SHOULD DECLARE THE INTEREST AND IN THE CASE OF A PECUNIARY ITEM LEAVE THE MEETING FOR THAT ITEM.

None received.

**631.21 Minutes: To confirm the minutes of the Environment, Leisure and Recreation Committee meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

**632.21 Boot Camp:** To consider correspondence from a resident to set up a fitness "Boot Camp" on the Market Square or elsewhere. (Information herewith, Natasha Taylor to speak.)

Natasha Taylor spoke about her proposal. Members **RESOLVED** to suspended standings orders to allow members to ask questions. Following a discussion, it was

**RESOLVED:**

- a) To allow use of Bassfords recreation ground, initially free of charge.
- b) To allow the use of banners subject to the Advertising on Council Land and Property policy.
- c) To allow the use of Saxon Hall subject to availability and payment of the appropriate fee.

Members **RESOLVED** to reinstate standing orders.

- 633.21 Progress report:** To receive a progress report on ELR projects to update Members, and discuss any amendments, updates or additions required. (Copy herewith.)

Members reviewed the report as shown in appendix 1 and progress was noted. Following discussions on individual projects it was

**RESOLVED:**

- a) That the **Outdoor Youth Activities working party meet to agree next steps.**
- b) That the **Clerk ask the public, via social media, for volunteers to undertake the required Speedwatch training, and to request that a request be made in the Raunds Round Up editorial.**
- c) **To set up a Turning Raunds Green working party and request the Clerk email councillors seeking volunteers.**
- d) **To contact the water refill station contractor to restart project.**
- e) **That when gathering quotes for the Church path, consideration is given to ensure Remembrance Day is not affected.**
- f) **That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of this Committee, arrange drainage signing and investigate orchard signage.**
- g) **That the Clerk will request a final report from Service Six.**
- h) **That the Clerk will seek quotes for further provision of youth services, to be brought to Full Council.**

- 634.21 Raunds goes green:** To consider what actions to take to improve the Council's and the town's green agenda and performance. Helpful information may be found at <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/collection-programs?utf8=%E2%9C%93&query=&location=raunds>

Members discussed potential actions. It was suggested that the starting point should be to obtain quotes to ascertain the Council's current carbon footprint. Following the discussion, it was

**RESOLVED:**

- a) **To seek advice from NNC and to obtain 3 quotes to establish RTC's carbon footprint.**
- b) **To set up a whole community working party, including Cllrs R Levell, Wilkes and Curtis. The Clerk will seek additional volunteers via social media and by emailing councillors.**

- 635.21 Hedgehog Highway Project:** To consider a promotion from Hedgehogs R Us to purchase "hedgehog highway surrounds". (Information herewith.)

Following a discussion, it was

**RESOLVED to purchase one box of hedgehog highway surrounds from the Raunds Goes Green budget, for potential sale at cost at the Mayor's Show, and provide details to local schools and youth organisations.**

- 636.21 The Orchard Project:** To consider information received promoting The Orchard Project charity. For background information see <https://www.theorchardproject.org.uk/about-us/>

Following a discussion, and in consideration that there are arrangements already in place regarding the orchard at Amos Lawrence, members noted the information for future consideration.

**637.21 Windmill Lane parking:** To consider complaints of parking on the grass triangle. (Information herewith.)

Following a discussion, it was considered that if RTC obstructed parking in this location it was likely to cause additional local parking issues. Following a discussion, it was

**RESOLVED to obtain quotes to cover the area in hard standing.**

**638.21 Reintroduce coffee mornings:** To consider restarting the Coffee Mornings so that information may be included on the annual events post card sent to all residents.

Clerk’s note: “coffee mornings” are generally held in the afternoons. Following a discussion, and in consideration of the dates of the Annual Town Meeting and Platinum Jubilee celebrations, it was

**RESOLVED to restart the coffee mornings in July.**

**639.21 Defibrillator/bleed kit Map:** To consider how to promote the location or defibrillators and bleed kits within Raunds.

Following a discussion, it was

**RESOLVED:**

- a) **That the first point of call should always be to call 999.**
- b) **That a map showing locations be displayed online, on our App, our noticeboards, and shared on social media.**
- c) **That the Clerk obtain quotes for an insert to be delivered to each household with the Annual Report.**

**640.21 Testing of Headstones:** To consider a quote to outsource the annual testing of headstones in the Church yard and cemetery. (Quotation and information from the Operations Manager herewith.)

Following a discussion, it was

**RESOLVED the testing of headstones is not to be contracted out.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Approved: ..... (Town Mayor)

Meeting date: ..... 12 April 2022..... (Council)

Approved: ..... (Chairman)

Meeting date: .....To be arranged..... (Committee)

## Appendix 1

Resolution	Action/Progress	Complete	Date Completed	Notes
Promoting the High Street	Migrate App in 2023 to new app	Pending		Review annually, update as required.
Bye-laws / Public space protection orders.	Review annually	Monitor		Review annually. Clerk researching details. Dogs on lead order. Flying of remote control planes. Provision to deter travellers.
London Road Opposite ASDA/Highways verge	Hedge has re-grown. But needs to be maintained	Monitor		No action required at this time - has been cut.
Wildflower verges	To be completed 2022	Monitor		To complete - 26th March with litter pick and bulb planting.
Skate Park / Youth Activities	Plan required for long term regeneration of skate park. Quotes being sought for refurbishment.	ongoing		Deed of variation being chased with NNC. Operations manager seeking quotes for refurbishment. S106 funding being followed up with NNC. 3 Quotes gathered 2021. <b>Working party to meet.</b>
Warth Park Crossing	Residents have complained that the crossing isn't safe. Investigate feasibility of moving crossing	ongoing		Application completed for yellow lines Oct 2021.
VAS Signs	Consider purchase of VAS Sign	ongoing		Quotes presented Nov 2021 - budget for 1 2022. Speedwatch 2022, <b>ask public for volunteers.</b>
Turning Raunds Green	Paperless Council/other actions to consider.	ongoing		NEW. Agenda item 634.21.
Turning Raunds Green	Water refill station	ongoing		<b>Recontact supplier to restart project..</b>
Provision of a piece of public art at Warth Park	Review project	ongoing		Written to Roxhill regarding original artwork.
St Peters Churchyard	RTC must maintain the area as a closed churchyard under LGA 1972 S215	ongoing		Meeting held Jan 2022, now gathering quotes. <b>Ensure no adverse effect on Remembrance Day.</b>
Community Orchard	Creation of Woodland Walk	ongoing		All fruit trees planted - 2 x Oak trees to be ordered. <b>Clerk and chair to arrange drainage trench signage and investigate orchard signage.</b>
CCTV	create link along Brook Street	ongoing		Power to lampposts done Nov 2021 - Scorpion to now fit transmitters and finish job. Due Jan 2022, delayed until Apr 2022 as delay in parts delivery.
S106	Meadow Lane Works and deed of variation	ongoing		The work to Meadow Lane and in particular, the underpass has been more problematic. The requirements of Highways England and local farmers have meant that the original planned platform and other works through the underpass cannot be delivered. There is therefore an underspend on this budget. Roxhill have suggested that they would be willing to see this underspend used for other community projects such as improvements to the skate park.
Public Space Protection Orders	Review annually	DONE		Review annually.
Bus Shelters	RTC to consider installing additional bus shelters in the town.	DONE		Reported to NNC 2021.
Youth Work / Youth Centre	Service six operating at Saxon Hall Manor School operating The Den with funding from RTC	DONE		Service Six operating at Saxon Hall and detached work around town. The Den is up and running at Manor School and Service Six are signposting young people to it. <b>Contract complete. Seek final report and quote to do again. Bring to FC.</b>

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