

# Swanley Town Council

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## ESTATES AND FACILITIES

### MINUTES

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Present:** Chair Cllr Scott, Cllr Ball, Cllr Southern, Cllr Horwood, Cllr C Barnes, Cllr Searles, Cllr Hogg

**Also Present:** Cllr Morris, Cllr Dyball, Cllr J Barnes, Cllr Halford, Cllr Willingale

**Officers:** CEO Steve Nash, Civic Manager Toni Roast

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr S Gaire

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

#### 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

**APPROVED**

#### 4. FRONT MOWER PURCHASE

Cllr Horwood felt the report was detailed but would like to have seen 3 quotes for comparison. The CEO suggested that subject to the additional two quotes being received that the purchase is approved with the best value quote being used. The CEO confirmed this purchase would not be able to take place before April 2017.

**RECOMMENDATION: Subject to 2 more quotes being obtained that the purchase be approved for April**

#### 5. SWANLEY PARK LAKE

Councillor Dyball expressed concern over the impact on local wildlife if the fish are removed. Cllr Southern suggested that virtually none of the birds around the lake are fish eaters and so the impact would be negligible. Cllr Hogg said that when the lake was first built that no fish had been put in there and it was most likely that roe was being carried in on birds. Cllr Southern stated that it was highly unlikely that all the fish would be captured even during drainage of the lake.

**RESOLVED: That the lake is not re-stocked with fish and that in conjunction with the Chair of Estates and Facilities the cost of repairs to the lake be approved.**

**6. WOODLANDS SECURITY**

The CEO advised councillors that 24hr security recommended by the insurers could be provided as fencing and not as a security guard. Solid hoarding was now in place and will significantly reduce the security bill for the site. Cllr Ball stated that the insurers should be equally liable for the interpretation of 24 hour security and held liable for the costs. The CEO confirmed that negotiations were still underway

**NOTED**

**7. REPORT ON STATION ROAD**

The CEO confirmed the current position of lease of the site and hoped to see progress over the coming 4-6 weeks.

**NOTED**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017**

**Meeting closed at 9:33pm**

If you would like further information on any of the agenda items, please contact Mr Steve Nash, on 01322 611663 or [snash@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:snash@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk)

Council Members:

Mayor Cllr Ball

Conservative:

(Chair) Cllr Scott, (Vice Chair) Cllr Southern, Cllr Horwood, Cllr C Barnes,  
Cllr Searles

Labour:

Cllr Hogg

Independent:

Cllr S Gaire