

SWANLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Estates and Facilities Committee Held at the Civic Centre, Swanley on Wednesday 21 January 2015

Present

Cllr T Searles (Chair)	Cllr A George
Cllr J Barnes (Vice Chair)	Cllr R Morris
Cllr L Ball	
Cllr M Fittock	

Also in attendance

Councillors

Officers

Cllr V Southern	Julie Pilbeam (Town Clerk & CEO)
Cllr Venter	Sally Moor (Corporate Director/RFO)
	Lisa Saunders (Operations Director)
	Mark Farrow (Estates and Facilities Manager)
	Geoff Mills (Democratic Services Officer)

The meeting started at 9.25 PM

At the commencement of business Cllr Searles welcomed to the meeting Mr Mark Farrow, the Council's Estates and Facilities Manager

Apologies for Absence

There were none

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were none

Minutes to be Signed

9621 It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Estates and Facilities Update

- (i) This report provided an update on the work and actions being taken at various sites within the Council's ownership. With regard to the football pitches at Swanley Park it was said that the problem caused by motor bikes had been reported to the Police and the situation had now improved.

- (ii) With regard to St Mary's Recreation Ground, Cllr Southern said investigations going back as far as 1959 had shown that the Council had never formally appointed any trustees to manage the land. Steps were now being taken to rectify that situation and the Council had engaged the services of a solicitor to give advice on the way forward leading to the establishment of a body of Trustees. It was hoped that this could be done by April 2015. There will be a further update to the next meeting of the Committee.
- (iii) Sally Moor referred to paragraph 3 of the report and said in the absence of being able to trace ownership of the fence that runs between St Mary's School and the Recreation Ground the Head Teacher had offered to meet 50% of the costs of the fence repairs. Mr Farrow was investigating the best options for undertaking the necessary repairs and would discuss these and the likely costs with the Head Teacher.
- (iv) In relation to paragraph 4 of the report it was agreed that officers would look at the possible need for additional litter bins on the Recreation Ground as part of a wider review of litter bins across the Town.

9622 It was **RESOLVED** that

(a) The report be noted

(b) Approval be given to the purchase of two covered bins for Swanley Park at a cost of £460.00 each with the total cost of £920.00 being taken from the repairs and maintenance budget

5. Correspondence

Members noted correspondence from Mr John Steven regarding parking problems in St George's Road Swanley and agreed he should be asked to approach Mr Roger Gough, his local county councillor with a view to the matter being discussed at a future meeting of the Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board.

The meeting finished at 9.45 PM

Signed.....Chairman

Date: 15 April 2015