

Minutes of Amenities Committee

Held Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 6:30PM

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr. J Burns

Councillors: Cllr P Broughton, Cllr J Desmond, Cllr K Hughes, Cllr D Leatherbarrow, Cllr C Parker

Officers: D Stephens, A McIntyre, K Spofforth

1. Welcome. Chairman welcomed those present and invited all to observe a minute's silence to commemorate the sad passing of Cllr Matthew Lock.
2. Apologies for Absence. Apologies have been received from Cllr G Birchall, Cllr J Sayers
3. Declarations of Interest. None declared.
4. Public Participation. None received.
5. To Confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting. **RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting on 12th July 2023 be approved as a correct record.**
6. Play Equipment Upgrades for 2024/25. Derek Stephens, Facilities Manager, explained the findings of the recent ROSPA report. After recent inspections, necessary works and subsequent costs for equipment which requires upgrading or replacing were identified and presented to Councillors for their consideration. Works carried out will all help towards the projected goal of attaining Green Flag status. The opening phase of these works, in 7 of The Council's parks, is estimated at a cost of £56,845.

RESOLVED that:

1. All members agreed on the replacement/upgrade of the equipment.
 2. Then report be noted.
7. The PSPO for Dog Control. Derek Stephens, Facilities Manager, reported which steps are needed to be implemented to bring Maghull Town Council's parks in line with Sefton's PSPO concerning dogs in their parks. These include the painting of signs on pathways etc., (unfortunately, some of which have already been the subject of vandalism), the zoning of specific areas in each of the parks, and the display of notices informing the public of the PSPO details. The trialling of 3 parks for implementation of zoning (where play areas are fenced in and picnic areas, these should be no dog areas. Other areas should be dogs on leads only or areas where dogs can be let off their leads) was agreed, with one preferably being one of the more dog friendly area parks. Dodds Park, Southmeade and one

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other, to be decided upon, were mooted for trial.

The priority must be the safety of children playing in the parks. Information regarding the implementation of the PSPO will be required to let the public know of the rules covered. This will be via noticeboards and website links.

RESOLVED that:

1.3 parks to be trialled, maps outlining the different zones of each park be produced and circulated, rules of PSPO be enforced, public be surveyed regarding changes.

2. Then report be noted

8. Chair's Report.

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CHAIR