

## South Somerset District Council

**Minutes** of a meeting of the **Area East (Informal)** held by video-conference using Zoom meeting software **on Wednesday 12 January 2022.**

(9.00 - 9.15 am)

### **Present:**

**Members:** Councillor Henry Hobhouse (Chairman)

Robin Bastable  
Hayward Burt  
Tony Capozzoli  
Sarah Dyke

Mike Lewis  
Paul Rowsell  
William Wallace  
Colin Winder



### **Officers:**

Steve Barnes	Locality Team Leader
Michelle Mainwaring	Case Officer (Strategy & Support Services)
Jo Boucher	Case Officer (Strategy & Support Services)
Terena Isaacs	Locality Officer

*NB: Where an executive or key decision is made, a reason will be noted immediately beneath the Committee's resolution.*

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### **55. Minutes of Previous Meeting (Agenda Item 1)**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 10 November 2021 were approved as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman.

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### **56. Apologies for Absence (Agenda Item 2)**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kevin Messenger, Lucy Trimnell and Charlie Hull.

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### **57. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 3)**

There were no declarations of interest.

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### **58. Date of next Meeting (Agenda Item 4)**

Members noted the next meeting of Area East Committee was scheduled for Wednesday 9th February at 9.00am and would be a virtual meeting.

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**59. Public Question Time (Agenda Item 5)**

There were no questions from members of the public present at the meeting.

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**60. Chairman's Announcements (Agenda Item 6)**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

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**61. Reports from Members (Agenda Item 7)**

There were no reports from members.

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**62. Community Grant to - Jubilee Park Playground Project (Executive Decision) (Agenda Item 8)**

The Chairman introduced the report that asked members to consider awarding a grant of £12,500 towards replacement play equipment at Jubilee Park in Bruton. He invited the clerk of Bruton Town Council to speak.

The clerk of Bruton Town Council explained that last year a number of existing play equipment that was beyond repair were removed. Since then a number of public consultations had taken place with parents and children in and around the local area to get their thoughts on what they would like to see in the park. Six or seven quotes were obtained and the choice was made to go with Hags, who recently put in new equipment at a play area in Henstridge. Funding had already been made available from the Town Council, S106 funds and a lottery grant. The play area itself was situated at the recreation ground and was a popular destination for many.

In response to questions from members, the Town Council representatives explained;

- That old equipment inspections had been reviewed, and it was decided the money would be better spent replacing equipment rather than trying to repair them.
- The remaining equipment could be repaired and some money is set aside to complete that work, until a time that eventually, all the equipment could be replaced.
- There was still some 106 money due to Bruton Town Council, and some from an ongoing site had not yet been triggered.

A supporting statement was read out on behalf of the ward member, Councillor Lucy Trimnell. She highlighted the extensive use of the play area by those in and around Bruton as well as the children attending Bruton football club matches. The decision to remove the old equipment due to its poor state had left the park

looking bare. The play park was so important for children’s mental and physical health and she fully supported the application being presented.

There were no further comments and it was proposed and seconded to award the grant of £12,500 towards replacement play equipment at Jubilee Park in Bruton. The decision was approved unanimously.

**RESOLVED:**

That Area East members recommended the Chief Executive:

award a grant of £12,500 (35% total costs), the grant to be allocated from the Area East capital programme and subject to SSDC standard conditions for community grants (appendix A).

**Reason:**

To consider the awarding of a grant of £12,500 towards replacement play equipment at Jubilee Park.

*(Voting: Unanimous)*

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**63. Area East Forward Plan (Agenda Item 9)**

Members were content to note the forward plan, and The Chairman asked if an officer from the planning department involved with the phosphates could attend the next Area East meeting with an update.

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**64. Planning Appeals (For Information) (Agenda Item 10)**

Members noted the list of Planning Appeals.

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Chairman