

# FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

**Date:** Thursday, 27 January 2022

**Venue:** Council Chamber - Civic Offices

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor** Miss T G Harper (Chairman)

**Councillor** Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:** Mrs T L Ellis, Mrs P Hayre, L Keeble, Mrs K Mandry and  
R H Price, JP

**Also Present:** Councillors M J Ford, JP, Mrs C L A Hockley, Ms S Pankhurst,  
Mrs K K Trott and I Bastable



**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence given at this meeting.

**2. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 18 November 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that she attended the meeting of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel held on 18 January 2022 where an item on the agenda provided a presentation which outlined the provision of burial plots in the Council's cemeteries. A copy of the slides for the presentation have been forwarded to all members of the panel for information.

The Chairman also welcomed members of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel who were in attendance for item 7 on the agenda.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS**

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

**5. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

**6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

**(1) Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) Fuel Pilot**

There were no questions or comments in respect of this item.

**7. IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON THE HIRE OF SPORTS PITCHES**

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillors Mrs Hockley, Mrs Trott and Ms Pankhurst addressed the Panel on this item.

The Panel received a presentation by the Public Spaces Operations Manager which provided members with an overview of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the hire of Council owned sports pitches across the Borough and the effect on bookings since the return to normal of pitch hire availability. The presentation also provided members with information on the recently adopted Playing Pitch Strategy. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

Members discussed the possibility of providing facilities for additional types of sport, such as athletics, cycling and petanque. The Public Spaces Operations Manager advised that additional facilities can be considered but would be

subject to community demand, the availability of suitable land and the appropriate level of funding being available.

Members also discussed the Section 106 contributions that developers often make in lieu of providing sporting facilities as part of a new planning application. Concerns were raised that even if funding is provided to meet the increased demand for facilities, the Council does not have large areas of land that it can make available to provide them.

The construction of 3G sports pitches in the Borough was discussed by the Panel and concerns were raised in respect of the impact the plastic material used in their construction may have on the environment. The potential environmental impact of any new facilities on Fareham Borough Council land will be considered as part of any proposals brought forward to the Executive for decision.

RESOLVED that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the presentation.

## **8. STREETSCENE SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES**

Members considered and discussed the scrutiny priorities for the Streetscene Panel and noted that at the next meeting there would be a presentation to provide an update on the roll out of the new Garden Waste Strategy. There will also be information and discussion on the implications of the new Environment Bill.

RESOLVED that the Priorities for the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel be noted.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm  
and ended at 7.05 pm).