Lowestoft Town Council Parks and Open Spaces Sub-Committee

For the attention of all Sub-Committee Members

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Parks and Open Spaces Sub-Committee of Lowestoft Town Council at 17:30 on 20 July 2021, at **First Floor, Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 1DE**.

The meeting is open to the public and press to attend and those attending the meeting shall be informed that the meeting may be reported on (including recording, photographing and filming). This does not apply to confidential items. Comments can also be submitting regarding any item on the agenda in advance of the meeting. Members of the public can join the meeting remotely via the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81006802204. The meeting can also be observed via the following link: https://youtu.be/2IniYTVU7g4. In providing any comments members of the public accept that, where they are suitable, they may be considered at the meeting and published in our minutes. Any individual submitting the comments should ensure that their name, address and contact details are included in their communication and should note that anonymous submissions will not be accepted. Members of the public accept that their name may be noted and recorded at the meeting. However, their contact details will not be noted and reported publicly.

Councillors must register relevant interests and also declare them at a meeting if they have such an interest in a matter to be considered. Under the Localism Act 2011 a councillor with a **disclosable pecuniary interest** in a matter on the Agenda cannot take part or vote on that matter, unless they have been granted a dispensation. Under the Council's Code of Conduct a councillor must leave the meeting room if they have such an interest, unless they have been granted a dispensation. There may be other interests or matters in which councillors might be considered to be biased or predetermined in which cases they will need to consider whether they should be present.

The Council has a duty to pay due regard to preventing crime and disorder and to conserve biodiversity as part of relevant decisions.

To help prevent the spread of Covid-19, all attendees should bring their own refreshments, their own pen for signing in, and should dress appropriately given the need for increased ventilation on the site. Every person attending should make their own risk assessment of the advisability of attending and/or any measures they should take individually to ensure their safety.

Shona Bendix, Clerk
13 July 2021

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AGENDA

22. Welcome

To explain the fire evacuation procedure, welcome the meeting, and remind councillors and members of the public of the right to report.

- 23. To receive and consider acceptance of apologies for absence
- 24. Declarations of Interests and dispensations
 - 24.1 To receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests from Councillors on items on the Agenda and to note that there are no written requests and grants of dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
- 25. To consider the draft minutes of the meeting on 15 June 2021
- 26. Public forum

An opportunity for the public to make comments on any matters on this agenda, and to consider any advance comments from the public.

- 27. To monitor expenditure by this Sub-Committee from its delegated budget
- 28. To consider five-year plans for the Town Council's parks, including the following:
 - 28.1 Priorities for year one, including specifications for benches, bins and bicycle racks
 - 28.2 Information boards and/or required signage for the Town Council's parks, including proposed designs for over-entrance archway signs
- 29. To consider the appropriate action to take in relation to the damaged boardwalk at the Great Eastern Linear Park
- 30. To consider how to implement the Mulch Policy
- 31. To consider planting in Sparrows Nest and Belle Vue Park, including bulbs, shrubs in Sparrows Nest and laying turf in an area of Belle Vue Park
- 32. To consider the following regarding tree planting:
 - 32.1 How the Town Council may be involved with the Queen's Green Canopy initiative
 - 32.2 Progressing tree planting as per the 2020 Tree Council awarded funding
 - 32.3 Numbers and species of trees lost following incidents of environmental vandalism
- 33. To consider seeking quotations for the de-silting by dredging of the Fen Park and Gainsborough Drive ponds, alongside any consideration for desilting by non-mechanical means
- 34. To consider options and costs for the refurbishment of the Sparrows Nest play area and improvements to the St Margaret's Plain and Britten Road play areas
- 35. To consider provision of a dog litter bag dispenser at The Ness

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- **36.** Date of the next meeting 17 August 2021 17:30
- 37. Items for the next Agenda and Close
- 38. To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, namely any legal issues relating to the matters on this agenda