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**MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURS
17th SEPTEMBER 2020**

Voting members present: Cllrs: S Browning, L Deely, T Gibbs, P Kelly, P La Broy,
L Moores, P Moores, F Partridge, H Partridge, P Tilzey, N Tucker

Non-voting Committee member: T O'Sullivan

Officers present: Mr K Cornwell – Town Clerk and RFO (TC)

Mr S Hayes – Facilities Manager (FM)

Mrs T Gliddon – Committee Administrator (CA)

Meeting Start time: 6.00pm

OS/20/20 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Non-committee member Cllr B Willingham

OS/21/20 To receive registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interest-

None received.

OS/22/20 Dispensations: to consider requests for dispensations

None received

OS/23/20 Minutes: To receive, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Operational Services Committee Meeting held on 30th January 2019

Resolved: that the minutes were a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

OS/24/20 Public participation – a maximum of 15 minutes for public present to make comments concerning the business of the committee (maximum of 2 minutes per person - dependent on numbers present; questions must be directed through the Chairman)

None present.

Cllr N Tucker joined the meeting 6.04pm

OS/25/20 To receive a report from the Facilities Manager

The FM updated the Committee that the sinkhole at the rear of the Parkhouse Centre had now been repaired. Some damaged had been reported in the Bencoolen play Park, the outdoor team would monitor the situation.

The report was noted.

Cllrs:]L Moores, P Moores and P La Broy joined the meeting 6.10pm

OS/26/20 To agree the arrangements for tree planting

The location for Tree planning was discussed. A Cllr requested that the FM/TC follow up with CC the planting of two mature trees, which CC agreed to plant in the Bencoolen play park to replace those removed during the repairs to Bencoolen Bridge.

Resolved: to plant the tree saplings at Bencoolen play park and Stamford Hill/Tree Fields, with any other sites to be left in abeyance.

OS/27/20

To agree the principle of designating a "Talking Bench" for community use

The TC reported to the Committee that he had been approached by a member of the community regarding the placing of a "Talking Bench" in Bude, and the benefits to mental health for people within the community.

Various areas for the placement of a bench were discussed.

Cllr T O'Sullivan joined the meeting 6.32pm

Resolved: that the Committee agreed in principle to the placement of a "Talking Bench" and delegated the TC along with Cllrs T Gibbs and P La Broy to liaise with the member of the public to ascertain the appropriate location for the bench.

Meeting closed 6.42pm

Chairman's Signature.....Date.....