

WEST HAM PARK COMMITTEE
Monday, 12 October 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the West Ham Park Committee held at Committee Rooms
- Second Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 12 October 2015 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Alderman Ian Luder (Chairman)
Graeme Smith (Deputy Chairman)
Wendy Mead
Justin Meath-Baker
Robert Cazenove
Catherine Bickmore
Councillor Bryan Collier MBE
Councillor Joy Laguda MBE
The Rev. Stennett Kirby

Officers:

Natasha Dogra	- Town Clerk's Department
Scott Morgan	- Town Clerk's Department
Fern Aldous	- Town Clerk's Department
Sue Ireland	- Director of Open Spaces
Martin Rodman	- Superintendent Parks and Gardens
Esther Sumner	- Open Spaces Department
Edward Wood	- Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department
Alison Elam	- Chamberlain's Department

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Deputy Alex Deane, Deputy Robert Howard, Barbara Newman, Jeremy Simons and Richard Gurney.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

Resolved – that the minutes from the previous meeting be agreed as an accurate record.

Matters arising:

Review of Lodge Allocation at West Ham Park:

The Comptroller and City Solicitor raised a query regarding the minutes under Item 12 Review of Lodge Allocation at West Ham Park. Members agreed that the current minutes referred to a non-public appendix of the report and asked the Town Clerk to revise the minutes regarding the Review of Lodge Allocation at West Ham Park.

Oak Processionary Moth:

The Director of Open Spaces gave a verbal update on the spread of OPM and the possible spread of the pest in and around the City's open spaces. Members expressed their concerns over the distribution of OPM and agreed that actions must be taken to help stop further spreading.

City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Bill Update

Members noted that the Open Spaces Bill had been received by the open spaces parent Committees and the promotion of the Bill was to be considered by the Court of Common Council on 15th October 2015. Officers said that consultation meetings with various local groups had been very useful. The Bill would be deposited to Parliament on 27th November 2015.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

The Committee received a report of the Superintendent of Parks and Gardens regarding an update on management and operational activities at West Ham Park since July 2015.

Received.

5. TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2014/15

The Committee received a report of the Chamberlain regarding the Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2015 for West Ham Park.

Received.

6. OPEN SPACES LEARNING PROGRAMME

The Committee received a report of the Director of Open Spaces regarding the learning framework which would be used to deliver learning outcomes across the open spaces. The delivery of this programme would require a new operating model involving some realignment of staff roles and responsibilities at some open spaces; however the full extent of these changes would depend on the result of a funding application to the City Bridge Trust and other funding arrangements.

Members were informed that the new Learning Programme sought to better co-ordinate all learning activities across the open spaces which were currently delivered on a site-by-site basis..

In response to a query, Members were assured that the Programme covered all learning across Open Spaces including interaction with local schools around West Ham Park, and was designed to target those communities that would benefit most.

Received.

7. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

A Member raised a question regarding rough sleeping in the park. Whilst this did occur sometimes, the Superintendent informed the Committee that this was an issue faced by most urban areas but was not a big problem in the park.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.**

There was no urgent business.

9. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

MOTION – It was agreed that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

10. **PRIVATE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved – that the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as an accurate record.

11. **SERVICE BASED REVIEW UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Open Spaces regarding an update to the Service Based Review.

Received.

The meeting ended at 2.00 pm

Chairman

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