

WEST HAM PARK COMMITTEE
Tuesday, 12 October 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the West Ham Park Committee held in a hybrid format via
Microsoft Teams and Committee Room - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on
Tuesday, 12 October 2021 at 9.30 am

Present

Members:

Oliver Sells QC (Chairman)
Caroline Haines (Deputy Chairman)
Rafe Courage
Graeme Doshi-Smith
Alderman Ian Luder
Wendy Mead
Deputy John Tomlinson
Andrew McMurtrie
Cllr James Asser
Catherine Bickmore
Justin Meath-Baker
Richard Gurney

Officers:

Richard Holt	- Town Clerk's Department
Ben Dunleavy	- Town Clerk's Department
Edward Martin	- City Surveyor's Department
Fiona Mckeith	- City Surveyor's Department
Martin Rodman	- Superintendent, West Ham Park and City Gardens
Ricky O'Garro	- Open Spaces Department
Gerry Kiefer	- Business Manager, Open Spaces Department
Laura Soley	- Bates Well

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received in advance of the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

The Committee considered the public minutes and non-public summary of the West Ham Park Committee meeting held on the 13th of July 2021.

RESOLVED- That the public minutes of the West Ham Park Committee held on the 13th of July 2021 be approved as an accurate record.

4. **OPEN SPACES COVERAGE 2021**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk on the Open Spaces media coverage summary.

Responding to a question from a committee member the Chairman confirmed that all required public consultation on the Nursery Site development would be completed but noted he was ultimately not responsible for the editorial decisions of the Newham Recorder.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

5. **WEST HAM PARK MANAGERS UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director Environment on the West Ham Park Manager's Update.

Responding to a query from a member of the Committee the Executive Director Environment confirmed that the report author was currently in the position of interim West Ham Park Manager.

A Member congratulated West Ham Park staff for their work particular over the period effected by the COVID19 Pandemic. The Chairman agreed and noted that an event to thank staff was planned for 9th of December with further details to be circulated once confirmed. The Executive Director Environment informed the Committee that the Park had received the London in Bloom Gold award and that a report on the TOM will be presented to the Committee in December.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

6. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions received in the public session.

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

There was no further business considered in the public session.

8. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: 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.

9. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The Committee considered the non-public minutes of the West Ham Park Committee meeting held on the 13th of July 2021.

RESOLVED- That the non-public minutes of the West Ham Park Committee held on the 13th of July 2021 be approved as an accurate record.

10. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk on the action taken outside of the Committee.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

11. **WEST HAM PARK NURSERY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DISPOSAL DEVELOPER SHORTLIST**

The Committee considered a joint report of the City Surveyor and Executive Director Environment on the West Ham Park Nursery residential development disposal developer shortlist.

RESOLVED- That the report be approved.

12. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions received in the non-public session.

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

There were no items of urgent business considered in the non-public session.

The meeting ended at 10.44 am

Chairman

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