

WEST HAM PARK COMMITTEE
Tuesday, 13 July 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the West Ham Park Committee held at remotely on
Tuesday, 13 July 2021 at 11.40 am

Present

Members:

Oliver Sells QC (Chairman)
Caroline Haines (Deputy Chairman)
Alderman Ian Luder
Wendy Mead
Deputy John Tomlinson
Catherine Bickmore
Rafe Courage
Richard Gurney

Officers:

Richard Holt	- Town Clerk's Department
Kerry Nicholls	- Town Clerk's Department
Charlie Pearce	- Chamberlain's Department
Edward Martin	- Senior Principal Surveyor, City Surveyor's Department
Colin Buttery	- Director of Open Spaces
Martin Rodman	- Superintendent, West Ham Park and City Gardens
Martin Falder	- Open Spaces Department
Gerry Kiefer	- Business Manager, Open Spaces
Abigail Tinkler	- Head of Learning, Opens Spaces

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Graeme Doshi-Smith and Reverend Simon Nicholls.

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 28th of April 2021.

RESOLVED- That the public minutes of the West Ham Park Committee held on the 28th of April 2021 be approved as an accurate record.

4. **OPEN SPACES MEDIA SUMMARY**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk on the Open Spaces media coverage summary. Responding to a Committee member's query the Town Clerk confirmed that some articles were not included in the report as they had been published after the agenda was finalised.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

5. **WEST HAM PARK MANAGERS UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Open Spaces on the West Ham Park Managers Update.

Responding to a Committee member's query the Chairman confirmed that the History Exhibition event at West Ham Park had been arranged by the Friends of West Ham Park and that it was his understanding that the limitation on numbers were to comply with COVID social distancing rules. The Deputy Chairman expressed her thanks to the Friends of West Ham Park for organising such a successful event. The Director of Open Spaces explained the History Exhibition at West Ham Park was planned to be permanent so all committee members would have the chance to visit the site.

The Director of Open Spaces highlighted that the recruitment embargo had meant that an existing staff member had been allocated to the position of interim West Ham Park Manager. The Committee noted this was not a fully satisfactory position and which they wished to see resolved when possible.

Responding to a Committee member's query with the City Surveyor confirmed that some details of the Nursery site project still needed to remain non-public as they were commercially sensitive. However, it was added that public consultation on the project would be undertaken when possible.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

6. **OPEN SPACES AND CITY GARDENS RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Open Spaces on the Open Spaces and City Gardens Risk Management.

RESOLVED- That the West Ham Park elements of the City Gardens and West Ham Park risk register be approved as outlined in this report and in Appendix 3.

7. **2020/21 BUSINESS PLAN YEAR END PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Open Spaces on the 2020/21 Business plan year end performance report.

The Deputy Chairman expressed her concern that the apprenticeship programme would not be fully funded in future.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

8. **REVENUE OUTTURN 2020/21 - WEST HAM PARK**

The Committee received a joint report of the Chamberlain and Director of Open Spaces on the Revenue Outturn 2020/21 for West Ham Park.

A Member noted that the report highlighted that the City of London Corporation contributed the vast majority of funds required for running West Ham Park.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

9. **LEARNING PROGRAMME - TWO YEAR CORE FUNDING REPORT: 2019 TO 2021**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Open Spaces on the Learning Programme two-year core funding.

The Committee thanked Officers for their work on the Learning Programme and noted its success.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

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

There were no questions received in the public session.

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

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

12. **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.

13. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The Committee considered the non-public minutes of the West Ham Park Committee meeting held on the 28th of April 2021.

RESOLVED- That the non-public minutes of the West Ham Park Committee held on the 28th of April 2021 be approved as an accurate record.

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

One question was received in the non-public session.

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

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

The meeting ended at 12:32

Chairman

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