



Englefield Green Committee

Tuesday, 17 January 2023 at 7.30 pm

**Main Hall, St Jude's Church of England Junior School,
Bagshot Road, Englefield Green, TW20 0RU**

Members of the Committee

Councillors: N Prescott (Chairman), N Bromilow (Vice-Chairman), A Berardi, M Heath, A King, N King and S Brisby

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List of matters for consideration

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Part I

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1. **Minutes** 4 - 5

To confirm and sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 October 2022 (Appendix 'A').

2. **Apologies for absence**

3. **Declarations of interest**

Members are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable and non-registrable interests in items on the agenda.

4. **Motion of no confidence** 6 - 7

5. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

Part II

Matters involving Exempt or Confidential information in respect of which reports have not been made available for public inspection

6. **Exempt information**

Runnymede Borough Council**Englefield Green Committee****Tuesday, 18 October 2022 at 7.30 pm**

Members of the Committee present: Councillors N King, N Bromilow (Vice-Chairman), A Berardi, A King, N Prescott (Chair) and S Brisby.

Members of the Committee absent: Councillors M Heath.

283 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28 June 2022 were confirmed and signed as a correct record

284 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Heath

285 Declarations of interest

None received

286 Management and Maintenance of the Green

The Committee received an update on management and maintenance issues relating to the Green

Lawn treatment – update

A programme of organic fertiliser, iron and weedkiller treatment was agreed at the Committee meeting in February 2022. Unfortunately, the programme was interrupted by drought this summer.

Grass cutting was arranged as per the contractor's specification in September once the Green had started to regrow following the drought.

A treatment was conducted week commencing 19 September 2022 which provided organic fertiliser and weedkiller to the Green. A further dual treatment was scheduled for the end of October 2022.

The costs of the two treatments was £2,954 plus vat which would be funded from ring-fenced money.

Wildflower planting

Officers reported that they had received quotations for the planting of wildflower plugs and native Bluebell bulbs. Bulb planting would commence in the Autumn, wildflower plugs would be planted in Spring 2023. Cost for this work was £2,424.00 and would be funded from ring-fenced money.

The Committee agreed the budget for the planting of both bulbs and wildflowers on the St. Jude's Road boundary. However, some concerns were raised regarding the suitability of bluebell planting in that area due to them not being able to tolerate strong sunlight. It was

agreed that Officers would liaise with Councillors Beradi and N King to agree on more suitable planting for the area, with details of proposed planting being circulated to the Committee prior to ordering.

With regards to the ringfenced funds Members requested Officers to report back to the next Committee on details relating to maintenance costs paid by the Council and costs taken from the ring-fenced funds.

Site security

It was reported that several unauthorised incursions had taken place on the Green since the last meeting. The Committee was asked to consider the installation of 16 additional posts around the Green to deter future incidents. Officers advised the Committee that Officers had 10 additional posts in store so only 6 needed to be purchased. The total cost to purchase the 6 additional posts and install all 16 posts was £2398.08. This would be taken from ringfenced money. It was reported that a location plan had previously been agreed and this plan would be circulated to Members of the Committee prior to installation.

Resolved that

The installation of 16 additional posts around the Green be approved.

Provision of litter bins

This item was deferred. A report would be prepared for the next meeting in February 2023.

(The meeting ended at 7.59 pm.)

Chairman

MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE (Law and Governance, P Ionta)

Synopsis of report:

This covering report sets out the requested motion of no confidence in the Chairman of the Englefield Green Committee and the options available to Members of this Committee.

Recommendation(s):

1. The Membership of Englefield Green Committee has confidence in the Chairman.

OR

2. The Membership of Englefield Green Committee does not have confidence in the Chairman and recommend to full Council that the Chairman be removed from this role and replaced by a new Member of the current Englefield Green Committee for the remainder of this municipal year.

1. Context and background of report

- 1.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, a request was made further to Standing Order 28.2 by members of this Committee to the Chairman to call a special meeting of this Committee to debate a motion of no confidence in their role as chair, and if passed, to ask for them to resign as Chairman of this Committee.
- 1.2 Further to Standing Order 28.4. The Chief Executive, being obliged to do so, provided confirmation that a Special Meeting would be held at the earliest available date, that being the date of this meeting.

2. Report and, where applicable, options considered and recommended

- 2.1 Where it is the will of members to require a special Meeting, Standing Order 28.2 requires a requisition (a written request) of at least one quarter of the entire membership of a Committee to be presented to the Chairman of that Committee (as per SO 28.2 (a)) and if they refuse to call a special meeting or fail to do so within 7 days of the request, then and only then may any two members of the said Committee seek to call a special meeting by giving notice in accordance with SO 28.4 to the Chief Executive stating what business is to be done.
- 2.2 Having called a Special Meeting, it is noted that in accordance with SO 27.5, an item of business has been requested by two members of this Committee that a vote of no confidence in the Chairman be taken.
- 2.3 To note, once a meeting is scheduled, the Chairman retains the option to ask for other items of business in addition to the proposed motion of no confidence but they do not have the right to remove the motion of no confidence. They retain the right, as does any member of this Committee, to propose an amended motion provided that it

meets the rules of debate standing orders as set out under SO 34. It would be improper not to move the item of business, so debate and a vote on this agenda item must be allowed.

- 2.4 As the role of Chairman is further to appointment by full Council at its annual general meeting each May, if the proposed motion of no confidence is passed, there is no authority for this Committee to remove the Chairman from the post.
- 2.5 A recommendation would be required from this Committee to full Council inviting it to remove the Chairman from post for the remainder of this municipal year (i.e. up to the elections scheduled for 4 May 2023) before appointing a new Chairman from the existing membership of this Committee.
- 2.6 If the motion of no confidence is not passed, then members may either propose and vote upon a motion confirming their confidence in the Chairman or simply move onto the next item of business of this agenda.

3. **Policy framework implications**

- 3.1 The calling of a special meeting and motion of no confidence are in compliance with the Council's Constitution, its Rules of Procedure and Administrative & Procedural Standing Orders.

4. **Resource implications/Value for Money (where applicable)**

- 4.1 None

5. **Legal implications**

- 5.1 Any relevant legal implications are noted within the body of this report

6. **Equality implications**

- 6.1 None

7. **Environmental/Sustainability/Biodiversity implications**

- 7.1 None

(To recommend to full Council/To resolve)

Background papers

None