

## MOUSEHOLD HEATH CONSERVATORS

MINUTES

2:05pm to 3:35pm

21 June 2013

Present: Councillors Bradford (chair), Little (vice chair), Barker, Maxwell, Ackroyd, Henderson, Price, Thomas.  
Matthew Davies, Debbie Murray, Chris Southgate.

Apologies: Councillor Brociek-Coulton, Margaret Bush

### 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

**RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Bradford as chair for the ensuing civic year.

### 2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

**RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor Little as vice chair for the ensuing civic year.

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

### 4. MINUTES

**RESOLVED** to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2013.

### 5. 2012 -13 BUDGET TURNOUT REPORT

It was explained that a change had been made to paragraph 3 in the report and an updated copy was circulated to committee members. The finance control manager presented the report and answered questions.

Referring to item 8 under the 'options' section of the report, the finance control manager explained that now that the pension liabilities had been met, should the new contractor face liquidation the liability for pension costs would be small as it would only cover the period from the commencement of the new contract.

**RESOLVED** to:-

- (1) note the provisional revenue and capital outturn positions; and,
- (2) take up the option to phase the one-off pension costs over a 10-year period.

## **6. MANAGEMENT SUB-GROUP REPORT - MOUSEHOLD HEATH CONSERVATORS SUBGROUP NOTES**

The Head of neighbourhood services presented the report.

He explained that NPS had undertaken an asset review with regard to the toilets and had provided indicative reports. He said that NPS would be meeting with Zaks to discuss this early in July.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

## **7. MOUSEHOLD HEATH UPDATE REPORT**

The community and neighbourhood manager presented the report and explained that costs for a stump grinder were still being looked at.

He explained that the use of herbicide on the heath had been minimal - between 19 and 20 litres from late 2011 to June 2013. This included the use on the pitch and putt course.

In response to a member's question, the community and neighbourhood manager explained that there were no exact numbers given as part of the bee survey, but that four species had been identified. He also said that the new pond was to be named the 'Mustard pond'.

He explained that following discussion with the highways department, there was no funding to extend the 20mph zone. He said that he would instead be focussing on the cycle plan to identify if any funding for the zone could be sourced from there.

**RESOLVED** that the community and neighbourhood manager would distribute to members:-

- (1) the log detailing herbicide use on the heath; and,
- (2) a copy of the detailed figures of bee survey.

## **8. MOUSEHOLD HEATH ANNUAL REVIEW 2012-13**

The Head of neighbourhood services presented the report. He stressed that despite the use of the word 'new' under the 'projects and activities' section, the partnership with the Norwich Society was well established. He would look at re-wording this.

He also explained that he would look at providing additional information regarding bookings of sports facilities, through discussion with the sports development team.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** to approve the following schedule of meetings of the Conservators, to be held at City Hall at 2pm, as follows:

18 October 2013

17 January 2014

CHAIR