

Minutes of the Meeting of the NONSUCH PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held at the Mansion House, Nonsuch Park on 22 January 2024

PRESENT -

Councillor Julian Freeman (Epsom & Ewell Borough Council) (Chair); Councillors Tony Froud (Epsom & Ewell Borough Council), Peter Geiringer (London Borough of Sutton), Christine Howells (Epsom & Ewell Borough Council) and Christopher Woolmer (London Borough of Sutton)

In Attendance: Councillor Vanessa Udall (London Borough of Sutton), Jon Whitehead (Representative, Nonsuch Voles)

Apologies for absence: Councillor Louise Phelan (London Borough of Sutton)

Officers present: Jackie King (Clerk to the Committee) (Chief Executive, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council), Ian Dyer (Head of Operational Services, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council), Tim Weston (Streetcare Assistant Manager, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council), Mark Dalzell (Parks Manager, London Borough of Sutton), Mitra Hagh-Shenas (Accountant, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council), Jeremy Harte (Bourne Hall Museum Curator, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council) and Dan Clackson (Democratic Services Officer, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council)

19 QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Committee received a statement from a member of the public with respect to dog-walking in the Park.

Following receipt of the statement, the Committee considered the following matters:

- a) **Licensing Scheme.** It was noted that, following a recommendation from the Byelaw and Dog Control Working Group, the Committee had agreed to carry out a 6-week public consultation exercise with respect to the introduction of a commercial dog-walking licensing scheme in the Park. The Head of Operational Services explained that the consultation had not yet taken place, clarifying that the necessary steps were being taken by Officers on the lead-up to the start of the consultation exercise.
- b) **Enforcement and Communication.** It was noted by the Committee that effective enforcement and communication would be critical in the success of a commercial dog-walking licensing scheme, should such a scheme be adopted.

- c) **Royal Parks.** It was noted by the Committee that the Royal Parks operate a commercial dog-walking licensing scheme which could be looked at for reference.

20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by Councillors with respect to any items on the agenda.

21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee confirmed as a true record the Minutes and the Restricted Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 16 October 2023 and authorised the Chair to sign them.

22 'THE LOST VILLAGE OF CUDDINGTON' PRESENTATION

The Bourne Hall Museum Curator provided the Committee with a presentation on 'The Lost Village of Cuddington'.

23 FUTURE DATES FOR MEETINGS OF THE NONSUCH PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

To agree the draft schedule of meetings of the Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:

- (1) Approve the following draft schedule of meetings for the municipal year 2024/25:**
- a) Monday 17th June 2024, 10:00**
 - b) Monday 14th October 2024, 10:00**
 - c) Monday 20th January 2025, 10:00**
 - d) Monday 24th March 2025, 10:00**

24 CYCLING IN NONSUCH PARK SIGNS

The Committee received a report presenting a prototype of a large format, low-cost sign option to highlight that all paths in Nonsuch Park are shared use and that pedestrians have priority.

The Committee considered the following matters:

- a) The Streetcare Assistant Manager explained that the height of each sign would be determined based on the location of the sign in question.

- b) The Committee wished to offer its thanks to the Streetcare Assistant Manager for his work on the prototype sign.

Following consideration, the Committee unanimously resolved to:

- (1) Note the prototype sign option and approve the expenditure of £96 for 20xA2 signs to be distributed around the park in locations that receive the highest level of traffic from cyclist and pedestrians.**

The meeting began at 10.00 am and ended at 10.58 am

COUNCILLOR JULIAN FREEMAN (CHAIR)