

MINUTES of the proceedings at a Meeting of the **LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** of Fakenham Town Council held at Fakenham Connect, Oak Street, Fakenham, on **TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2016** at **5.30pm**, when there were present:

Cllr R Crook (Chairman Presiding)
Cllrs J Holdom, M Coates, A. Vertigan, N Westmancott, G Thorpe and J Dougall
Town Clerk Linda Jennings
2 members of the public

169 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 March 2016, having been circulated, were, on the proposition of Cllr Coates, seconded by Cllr Westmancott, AGREED and signed by the Chairman with the following amendment; **Cllr Vertigan was present at this meeting although his name had been omitted from the minutes.**

170 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Acheson and Wilkes.

171 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Crook declared an interest in item 12.

172 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Holdom enquired if the Stewardship Agreement has been completed for Edmondsons Acres, Goggs Meadow and Bacons Piece. The Clerk confirmed this has been done.

173 ELECTORS QUESTIONS

Cllr Dougall reported that the grass at Whitelands play area has been mown but the cuttings have not been collected.

The Clerk will contact the Contractors.

Cllr Holdom reported the drainage gullies between Wells Road and the junction of oak Street and Nelson Road are blocked.

The Clerk will contact Highways.

174 REPORTS ON THE COUNCIL'S ESTATE

Hayes Lane: This area is ok.

Whitelands: (Cllr Wilkes) Reported that the play equipment is in good order although there are some loose bricks from walls of adjoining properties.

The Clerk will contact the property owners.

Aldiss Park: (Cllr Westmancott) This area is ok.

Goggs Mill: (Cllr Westmancott) This area is ok although there is an increasing problem with rats. Cllr Crook suggested a press release is written in conjunction with the Hawk & Owl Trust highlighting the dangers of feeding bread to ducks.

The Clerk will contact the Hawk & Owl Trust.

Millennium Park: Cllr Thorpe reported there is a missing bolt from the zip wire ride.

The Clerk will ask the Groundsman to investigate.

Creake Road Cemetery: (Cllr Vertigan) This area is ok.

Queens Road Cemetery: (Cllr Wilkes) The Cemetery is in good order, tidy and the grass has recently been cut. Evidence of dog fouling.

The Clerk will investigate.

Peckover Cemetery: Cllr Thorpe will be responsible for this area.

St Peter's Gardens: Cllr Thorpe will be responsible for this area.

Railway Cutting: No report.

Trap Lane Pavilion: (Cllr Holdom) Nothing to report.

Cllr Holdom did report that the flowers for Fakenham in Bloom have been ordered and these should be displayed in mid-June.

The Clerk will ensure the bowser is ready for use.

Trap Lane Field: (Cllr Coates) This area is ok. Cllrs agreed that Peter Caldwell is allowed to catch rabbits on this field but must not shoot them.

Edmondsons Acres, Goggs Meadow and Bacon's Piece (Cllr Coates) These areas are all ok although very wet.

175 NORFOLK ORBITAL RAILWAY

An update on the progress of the railway has been received.

The Clerk will write to offer the Town Council's support.

176 CHURCH WALL

A letter has been received from the Fakenham Parish Church PCC stating they are not happy with the Town Council's suggestion for repairs to the Church Wall.

The Clerk will arrange a meeting with herself, Cllr Crook and the PCC to discuss a way forward.

177 USE OF TRAP LANE FIELD

A request has been received from Fakenham Academy to use Trap Lane Sports Field for the Academy Sports Day on 12 July 2016.

This was approved.

178 ALDISS PARK CAR PARK

Wensum Ospreys Canoe Club has requested that the Aldiss Park Car Park is repaired.

The Clerk will arrange remedial works.

179 ELECTRICITY QUOTATION

LSI Energy in conjunction with Norfolk ALC have produced a comparable quotation for electricity at Trap Lane.

The amounts are not clear and the Clerk will get them confirmed.

180 SUPPORTING ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

On the proposition of Cllr Coates, seconded by Cllr Vertigan **RESOLVED** that Fakenham Town Council will continue to support active lifestyles and does not intend to change its charging policy for the use of its open spaces in the light of the recent Stoke Gifford decision. Fakenham Town Council fully supports the recent town fun runs, running races, cycling and other initiatives and will look to continue this support. Fakenham Town Council will encourage and support other appropriate well-being initiatives in the town.

181 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

On the proposition of Cllr Coates, seconded by Cllr Vertigan **RESOLVED** that pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that Public & Press be excluded from the Meeting, as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the nature of the business to be transacted.

182 TRAP LANE PAVILLION

Nothing to report.

183 OPEN SESSION

On the proposition of Cllr Coates, seconded by Cllr Westmancott **RESOLVED** the Council moves into Open Session

The meeting closed at 6.21pm.

CONFIRMED this day of 2016.

CHAIRMAN