

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 22 MARCH 2016** at **5.30pm**, when there were present:

Cllr R Crook (Chairman Presiding)
Cllrs J Holdom, M Coates, G Acheson, N Westmancott, G Thorpe and J Dougall
Town Clerk Linda Jennings

154 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 February 2016, having been circulated, were, on the proposition of Cllr Coates, seconded by Cllr Westmancott, AGREED and signed by the Chairman.

155 APOLOGIES

No Apologies were received.

156 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

157 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute No 147: The Clerk has contacted the Public Rights of Way (PROW) team at Norfolk County Council to establish if there is a PROW along the Railway Cutting section that has recently been sold. The Engineer is investigating.

Minute 148: A banner will be bought to use at events to publicise the Market.

Minute 149: Millennium Park car park - a letter has been written to the Junior School but no response has been received. Railway Cutting - the steps at the Holt Road end have now been blocked at the top for safety reasons. Trap Lane field - the hedges have now been cut.

158 ELECTORS QUESTIONS

Cllr Dougall reported that the grass has not been cut at Hayes Lane Playing Field. This is probably because the ground is still too wet. He also reported that the exercise area at Millennium Park needs the grass cutting. The Clerk will ask the Contractors when they will be cutting in Fakenham.

159 REPORTS ON THE COUNCIL'S ESTATE

Hayes Lane (Cllr Crook): The Clerk reported that the matting has now been laid and the disabled walk way is now complete.

Whitelands No report.

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

Goggs Mill: (Cllr Westmancott) This area is ok.

Millennium Park: Cllr Thorpe reported there has been a lot of dog fouling along the fence near the children's play area. He had witnessed a couple allowing their dog to do this. The Clerk will report it Environmental Health and the Police.

Creake Road Cemetery: (Cllr Vertigan) The Groundsman had reported concerns that some of the grave digging is not up to standard. The Clerk is meeting with a Funeral Director to discuss this.

Queens Road Cemetery: No report although the Clerk reported that the grass had been cut today.

Peckover Cemetery: This area is ok.

St Peter's Gardens: (Cllr Vertigan) This area is ok.

Railway Cutting: Cllr Acheson has visited the Cutting and all is ok. He suggested that although the steps are steep they could possibly be used if chicken wire was used on the treads to stop them being slippery. Cllr Acheson suggested that if the Developer wanted to get rid of the earth bank this could be used to make a zig zag path.

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

Trap Lane Field: (Cllr Coates) The hedges have now been cut. Groundsman to clear rubbish at entrance to Trap Lane.

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

160 REPAIR OF MILENNIUM PARK CAR PARK

On the proposition of Cllr Coates, seconded by Cllr Acheson RESOLVED that the quotation received from Carben Construction of £420 + vat is accepted. All in favour.

161 THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

The Clerk reported that the AOT Engineering have completed the beacon. No time has been confirmed when the beacons are to be lit. Cllr Vertigan suggested the beacon could be installed where the old band stand used to be. Cllrs Vertigan and Thorpe will oversee the arrangements for the installation of the beacon and the family event. The Clerk will confirm the lighting time with Bruno Peek the Queen's Pageant Master.

162 USE OF TRAP LANE FIELD

A request has been received for the use of Trap Lane Field for golf coaching sessions. Following a discussion Councillors although not objecting would like more information regarding netting, matting etc.

163 PEST CONTROL AT TRAP LANE FIELD

A request has been received to use ferrets for controlling the rabbit population. On the proposition of Cllr Vertigan, seconded by Cllr Westmancott that ferrets can be used but not guns. Before permission is given the Clerk will check with the District Council and Natural England what the rules are.

164 ADDITIONAL DOG BIN

Dog fouling around the town is very bad. A resident of Field Lane has requested a dog bin be placed there. The cost would be £86.52 excluding vat. Cllr Holdom suggested a mobile CCTV is used. Cllr Vertigan asked if the Town Council could employ its own 'Dog Warden'. Cllr Holdom proposed the Council investigates what their powers would be.

165 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

On the proposition of Cllr Coates, seconded by Cllr Westmancott 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.

151 EDMONDSONS ACRES, GOGGS MEADOW & BACONS PIECE

This was discussed.

152 TRAP LANE PAVILLION

Nothing to report.

153 OPEN SESSION

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

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.

CONFIRMED this

day of

2016.

CHAIRMAN