

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 JANUARY 24 2016** at **5.30pm**, when there were present:

Cllr G. Acheson (Chairman)

Cllrs M Coates, J Holdom, A Edwards, G Foortse, N Westmancott, G Thorpe, J Dougall

Linda Jennings – Town Clerk

Public – 1 member

134 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Vertigan and Rockett

135 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

136 MINUTES

On the proposition of Cllr Acheson, seconded by Cllr Coates, the minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman.

137 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

137.1 Cllr Acheson amended the minutes to correct the item regarding the location of works required near the Three Brick Arches.

137.2 Cllr Foortse reported that she had contacted the four ladies fashion shops in Fakenham, and they are all very keen to take part in the fashion show. She has also spoken to the two footwear shops, the saddlery and the bridal shop and is just waiting confirmation of the venue. The event will be held late spring/early summer. Cllr Foortse proposed that a charity is involved and suggested Cranmer House. This will be taken to Full Council as a recommendation.

137.3 Planning permission for the Fakenham Bowmen container, no further updates. This will be an agenda item for the next L & E Agenda.

137.4 The Clerk has received a reply to the letter she had written to RoSPA regarding the slide at Millennium Park. Following a debate and on the proposition of Cllr Dougall, seconded by Cllr Edwards that the Engineering Company is asked to quote for modifications to the British Standard required by RoSPA. A counter proposal was made by Cllr Thorpe, seconded by Cllr Foortse that no modifications should be made. A vote was taken on the Counter proposal with 6 votes for and 2 against. On the proposition of Cllr Coates, seconded by Cllr Acheson the Clerk will investigate the cost of a new slide suitable for ages 7-12 years. All in favour.

138 ELECTORS QUESTIONS

There were no Electors questions.

139 TREE SURVEY

The Tree Survey commissioned by the Town Council reports that one of the lime trees in St Peters Gardens is in need of felling. Councillors had been asked to inspect the tree prior to the meeting. On the proposition of Cllr Coates, seconded by Cllr Foortse that the tree is felled. This was agreed with 7 votes for and 1 against.

140 REPORTS ON THE COUNCIL'S ESTATE

Cllr Foortse will be inspecting the Peckover Cemetery with a local historian.

Cllrs Foortse and Acheson have done some tidying in Queens Road Cemetery.

141 TO DISCUSS EDMONDSON'S ACRES PROGRESS

This is ongoing and in the hands of the solicitors.

- 142 TO DISCUSS THE REPOSITIONING OF A PORTACABIN FOR THE BRITISH LEGION**
Cllr Acheson suggested that Hayes Lane Playing Field could be used to store the container. Cllr Coates suggested that James Becks Field off White Horse Street would be more convenient for the British Legion. On the proposition of Cllr Acheson, seconded by Cllr Coates that Hayes Lane Playing Field is offered if the British Legion cannot find a more suitable site. All in favour. Cllr Acheson will speak to the British Legion with these suggestions.
- 143 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENTS SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2017**
The minutes of the Meeting held on 17 January 2017 were moved for reception and adoption by Cllr Coates, seconded by Cllr Acheson and agreed unanimously.
- 144 TO DISCUSS REPLACING THE HEADS ON THE REMAINING STREET LIGHTS TO LED**
The Clerk has spoken to K & M Lighting the Town Council's lighting contractors to obtain costs for replacing the remaining street light heads. The cost is between £65 or £85 depending on the type of street light. The Clerk will confirm the number of lights still to do. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 145 TO DISCUSS LITTER IN THE ALLEYWAY BETWEEN QUEENS ROAD AND HOLT ROAD**
The Clerk will write to the District Council regarding the litter in the alleyway between Queens Road and Holt Road.
- 146 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST TO PLACE A MEMORIAL PLAQUE ON A BENCH NEXT TO THE TOWN SIGN**
Following a discussion Councillors are very sympathetic to the request but will have to decline as they do not wish to set a precedent. Cllr Coates suggested that a plaque could be placed on the wall of the adjoining building.
- 147 TO CONSIDER REPLACING THE BENCH AT WHITE POST CORNER**
Following a discussion it was agreed to remove the bench on safety grounds and not replace.
- 148 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF DRAINAGE WORKS FROM THE NORFOLK RIVERS DRAINAGE BOARD**
The works will be undertaken alongside Goggs Meadow and Edmondsons Acres during the next few months.
- 149 TO DISCUSS REPAIRS TO ALDISS PARK CAR PARK**
Following a discussion this item will be on the next FRGC agenda. The Clerk will obtain a quote from AOT Engineering to get the gate renovated and a new post installed. The gate will have a covered lock.
- 150 TO RECEIVE QUOTATIONS TO REPLACE THE CEMETERY LITTER BINS**
On the proposition of Cllr Acheson, seconded by Cllr Foortse that 6 new litter bins should be purchased at a cost of approximately £270 + vat each. These will replace the bins in St Peters Gardens, Creake Road Cemetery and Queens Road Cemetery and will be dark green.
- 151 TO MOVE THAT THE PUBLIC & PRESS BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING UNDER THE PROVISION OF SECTION 1(2) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**
On the proposition of Cllr Acheson, 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.

152 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE GRASS CUTTING WORKING PARTY

See confidential minute.

153 OPEN SESSION

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

154 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting: - 28 February 2017

The meeting closed at 6:45pm.

CONFIRMED this day of 2017.

CHAIRMAN