

**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 28 MARCH 2017** at **5.30pm**, when there were present:

Cllr G. Acheson (Chairman)

Cllrs M Coates, J Holdom, G Foortse, N Westmancott, J Dougall, Edwards and Vertigan

Ann Kerrison – Administration Assistant

Public – 1 member

**176 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr G Thorpe and Linda Jennings – Town Clerk

**177 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**178 MINUTES**

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

**179 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**179.1** Cllr Foortse showed the meeting a proposed press release on the charity fashion show that is to be held on Wednesday 17 May 17 at 3pm. Proceeds will go to the Friends of Cranmer House. The cost of the tickets was queried, as it was thought that £20 was too much. Cllr Foortse explained that the event is being pitched at people who would normally shop elsewhere, to encourage them to shop in Fakenham. She felt that the cost of the tickets was in line with what the show was offering. The show is being held at no cost to the local businesses, to showcase the town. It was agreed to go with Cllr Foortse judgement.

**179.2** The meeting was told that the Clerk has written to Len McCluskey, General Secretary of UNITE union regarding the Sir George Edwards memorial in Queens Road cemetery. Councillors will proceed with tidying around the memorial and await a reply from Mr McCluskey.

**179.3** The Clerk has spoken to Glenfair regarding the lights at Trap Lane. The electrician felt that the lights could be left on as they cost 0.07p per hour to run. It was suggested that this goes against police advice regarding security, and that motion sensors would be better. **It was agreed that the lights should be fitted with motion sensors as agreed at the last meeting.**

**179.4** The meeting was told that Ben Carter, from Ben Carter Tree services, is waiting to speak to Simon Case, North Norfolk District Council landscape officer regarding the Lime tree in SS Peter & Paul's ashes garden. The meeting felt that this tree needs removing as soon as possible, preferably next week. Councillors asked what was happening regards the removal of the leylandii trees in Creake Road cemetery. **They asked that an update and quote for this work be brought to the next L&E meeting.**

**179.5** The meeting was told that the Angling club do not want to take on responsibility for the fishing platforms on the river Wensum.

**179.6** Councillors asked whether the work to replace the heads on the remaining streetlights to LED had been progressed. The Clerk will be asked on her return from holiday.

**180 ELECTORS QUESTIONS**

Cllr Dougall said that the grass has been cut on the Whitelands play area and as the cuttings had not been taken away, this looked awful. He also said that the overhanging plants had been cut back on the path between Whitelands and Rudham Stile Lane, but could do with being cut back further. Cllr Dougall also reported that the Street Light outside 22 Whitelands is not working. This light was replaced after being knocked over last year. The admin assistant said that the light is still waiting for UK Power networks to

connect the power. **The Admin assistant is to find out when this work is likely to be done.**

An elector asked a question about the fence to be erected at Millennium park. He was told that the matter was not for discussion at this meeting but at the FRGC meeting due to be held on Tuesday 11 April 17.

**181 REPORTS ON THE COUNCIL'S ESTATE**

There was nothing to report on the councils estates.

**182 TO DISCUSS EDMONDSON'S ACRES PROGRESS**

It was noted that Hayes and Storr solicitors had attached the wrong map to the lease. This has now been rectified.

**183 TO DISCUSS HIGHFIELD ROAD CAR PARK**

Cllr Foortse said that the date has been fixed for the first meeting of the working party. This is to be Thursday 6 April at 5:30pm in the Council Chamber.

**184 TO RECEIVE DATES FROM THE CRICKET CLUB FOR GAMES AT TRAP LANE USING THE CRICKET WICKET AND THE CHANGING ROOMS**

The dates were noted. The admin assistant said that Little Angels have been written to to ask them to remove any equipment from the changing rooms before the first game.

**185 TO DISCUSS THE CEMETERY FEES FOR 2017 – 2018.**

Cllr Holdom provided a list of fees from 2013-14 and a table of comparison fees from neighbouring parishes. It was felt that the current fees are reasonable and should remain the same for the coming year. **Cllr Holdom will produce yearly income and expenditure information for the cemeteries for the next full council meeting.**

**186 TO DISCUSS THE TRAP LANE HIRING FEES FOR 2017**

It was noted that the fees had not changed since April 2013. It was agreed that the fees need to be increased and the length of sessions more clearly defined. The increase in fees should be looked at once the working party have made their decisions. In the meantime, on the proposition of Cllr Acheson, seconded by Cllr Foortse and agreed by all, Little Angels fees should increase from September 17 to £12 per morning session and £8 per afternoon session. Further increases will be applied when the facilities have been improved.

**187 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION FROM NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING THE PARISH PARTNERSHIP BID**

An email was received that stated the bid for boundary fencing around Millennium Park car park was not considered to contribute significantly to supporting LTP objectives, therefore the bid had been unsuccessful.

**188 TO DISCUSS THE RAILWAY CUTTING PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ISSUE**

5 Public right of way evidence forms have been received, one of which related to a different footpath. **It was agreed that the other four should be sent off.**

**189 TO PURCHASE A DE WAALT CORDLESS RECIPROCATING SAW FOR THE GROUNDSMAN AT A COST OF £149.99+VAT**

It was felt that more information was needed about why the saw was needed, the model number and any other costs that might be incurred. It was felt that this information should be stipulated on the agenda. **A decision is to be made at full council when these details are to hand.**

