

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 May 2018** at **5.30pm**, when there were present:

Cllrs M Coates, J Holdom, A. Vertigan, Brown, Sandford-Cooke, Acheson, Crook and Foortse.

Linda Jennings - Town Clerk

Public – No members of the public.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On the proposition of Cllr Acheson, seconded by Cllr Vertigan, Cllr Coates was elected as Chairman to serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Council. 7 votes for with 1 abstention.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Holdom declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 18.

4 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

On the proposition of Cllr Acheson, seconded by Cllr Coates, Cllr Sandford-Cooke was elected as Vice Chairman. 7 votes for with 1 abstention.

5 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER TO HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Cllr Acheson, seconded by Cllr Foortse, Cllr Holdom was elected as the Committee Member with the relevant skills to serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Council. 7 votes for with 1 abstention.

6 MINUTES

On the proposition of Cllr Vertigan, seconded by Cllr Coates, the minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2018 were AGREED and signed by the Chairman.

7 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 189. A meeting with Community Heartbeat Trust had been arranged but unfortunately no one showed up. Another meeting has been agreed.

Minute 205. The Clerk still has to investigate a larger dog bin for Bar Lane.

Minute 205. The alleged shed on Edmondsons Acres is in fact a horse shelter which is on land not covered under the HLF Agreement with Natural England. There is also a wooden bird hide on another section of land which also exempt from the HLF Agreement. The Clerk had spoken to The Hawk & Owl Trust who now manages Edmondsons Acres. They have recently undergone an inspection by Natural England who found everything to be satisfactory.

8 ELECTORS QUESTIONS

Cllr Sandford-Cooke asked when the Aldiss building would be reopened. Some of the hoarding and cabins have been removed and it was hopeful the building would open soon.

9 REPORTS ON THE COUNCIL'S ESTATE

Councillors were allocated areas of the estate to oversee;

Whitelands – Cllr Acheson

Queens Road Cemetery – Cllr Foortse

Peckover cemetery – Cllr Foortse

Creake Road Cemetery – Cllr Vertigan
Millennium Park – Cllr Vertigan
Aldiss Park – Cllr Brown
Goggs Mill – Cllr Crook
Railway Cutting – Cllr Acheson
Hayes Lane Playing field – Cllr Crook
Trap Lane Field – Cllr Coates
Trap Lane Pavilion – Cllr Holdom

10 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A TREE TO BE REMOVED FROM MILLENIUM PARK AND FENCING TO BE REPAIRED

Cllr Vertigan will inspect the area.

11 TO CONSIDER PURCHASING DOG FOULING SIGNS

The Clerk has spoken to the North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) regarding the PSPO Orders banning dogs from some areas in Fakenham. NNDC would like to advertise a dog friendly area in the town and Aldiss Park was suggested. Councillors agreed that this area could become dog friendly. Councillors also suggested that dog walkers could use the perimeter only of Trap Lane so long as dogs were kept on leads. The Railway Cutting is also dog friendly.

12 TO APPROVE THE HIRE OF A DIGGER

Cllr Acheson requested the Town Council hires a digger to clear an unsightly mound near the Wensum Hotel. This was approved. The Clerk has received a letter from the Environment Agency regarding ownership of the river bank area of Fakenham Mill Sluices. This will be an agenda item for the next L & E meeting.

13 GAS LAMPS FOR MILL LANE

Nothing to report. An agenda item for the next meeting.

14 TO DISCUSS THE REPLACEMENT OF THE HOT WATER HEATER AT TRAP LANE PAVILION

On the proposition of Cllr Vertigan, seconded by Cllr Acheson that this item is put on hold and quotes for a new kitchen are sought. Little Angels may already have a second hand kitchen to install.

15 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED NORFOLK ORBITAL RAILWAY

The Clerk has received an update from Trevor Bailey and David Bill. They reported that the new railings at the Three Bridge Arches have been vandalised. They are looking to install interpretation boards with the help of the Fakenham Academy. The Trust are also looking to interview people who have memories of when the trains were running through Fakenham.

16 TO DISCUSS THE GARDEN PLAN FOR TRAP LANE PAVILION

Cllr Holdom had been sent pictures of items that Little Angels would like to erect in the garden area of the Pavilion. Cllrs Holdom and Foortse will visit Little Angels to get a plan. This will be an agenda item for Full Council.

17 LIME TREE IN ST PETERS GARDENS

The Clerk will ask Ravencroft to inspect the tree again to get an undertaking that the tree is safe. All other authorities agree it is and this will satisfy the Town Council's insurers.

18 FAKENHAM IN BLOOM

Nothing to report.

