

**MINUTES of the LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING of FAKENHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

**held at Fakenham Connect, Oak Street, Fakenham**

**on TUESDAY 24 JULY at 5:30pm**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor M Coates (Chairman, Presiding)

Town Cllrs: J Sandford-Cooke, Foortse, R Crook, M Dutton, S. Brown, J Holdom, A Vertigan, G Acheson

Town Clerk: Linda Jennings

Public: None

|    | <b>AGENDA</b>  | <b>Action (initials)</b> |
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| 43 | <p><b>WALKERS ARE WELCOME</b></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed District Councillor Hilary Cox who spoke about 'Walkers are Welcome' (WAW) in Cromer and how joining this organisation was achieved. By being a WAW town, Fakenham could potentially increase its visitor numbers from both the UK and Europe. The aim would be for a group to be formed in Fakenham which would be a Community led initiative, not Town Council led. There are six conditions to be met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstration of popular local support for the concept. This could be demonstrated, for example, by at least 250 signatures from local residents.</li> <li>2. Formal endorsement of application for WAW status by a local council.</li> <li>3. Action to ensure that footpaths and facilities for walkers are maintained in good condition.</li> <li>4. Adequate marketing of WAW status</li> <li>5. Encouragement of walking using public transport</li> <li>6. Demonstration of mechanisms in place to maintain WAW status.</li> </ol> <p>Obtaining WAW status can help strengthen a town's reputation as somewhere for visitors to enjoy the outdoors, bringing useful benefits to the local economy. By maintaining footpaths and facilities for walkers this would also benefit local people. Dereham, Walsingham and Aylsham are also members of the WAW organisation. If Fakenham were to go ahead they would have a mentor from Dereham and the annual subscription cost would be £60.</p> <p>This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.</p> | <b>Clerk</b>             |
| 44 | <p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>There were no apologies</p>   |                          |
| 45 | <p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>There were none</p>  |                          |
| 46 | <p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p>On the proposition of Cllr Holdom, seconded by Cllr Sandford-Cooke, the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2018 were AGREED and signed by the Chairman.</p>   |                          |
| 47 | <p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b></p> <p>Minute 36 has been superseded by a proposal at Full Council on 17 July 2018 minute 77.1.</p> <p>Minute 28 (7 &amp; 189) Still awaiting news of telephone kiosk's adoption.</p> <p>Minute 28 (7 &amp; 205) The Clerk is waiting for information from NNDC</p> <p>Minute 28 (10) Removal of tree from Millennium Park. The Clerk has received</p>  | <b>Clerk</b>             |

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|    | <p>a quote and will obtain 2 more. The Clerk will write to the resident explaining that the tree is on charity land and no decision can be made until the Charity has met.</p> <p>Minute 28 (12) The Clerk will also try to establish ownership of the bank at the Wensum Hotel, the outside section nearest the road could be owned by Highways.</p> <p>Minute 28 (14) The Clerk has spoken to a kitchen supplier locally and will follow this up.</p> <p>Minute 32 Councillor Coates reported that some progress has been made.</p>  | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| 48 | <p><b>ELECTORS QUESTIONS</b></p> <p>The bramble covered area beside the River Wensum and in front of Riverside Walk needs spraying. The Clerk will contact the Environment Agency for permission.</p> <p>The Clerk will create a list of all the defibrillators in the town.</p>   | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>              |
| 49 | <p><b>COUNCIL'S ESTATE</b></p> <p><b>Peckover Cemetery</b> – All ok.</p> <p><b>Trap Lane Pavilion</b> – Little Angels are making progress with the new garden. The gazebo is in place with a summer house being installed next. On the proposition of Cllr Acheson,, seconded by Cllr Foortse that 4' feather board fencing with gravel boards is installed on the outside of the original fencing. All in favour. Little Angels will undertake painting of the kitchen during the holidays. All in favour.</p> <p><b>Creake Road Cemetery</b> – Very dry.</p> <p><b>Millennium Park</b> – the bins on the skate park are very successful. Also the car park is badly pot holed. The Clerk will inform the Police that there appears to be heavy drug use in this area.</p> <p><b>Goggs Mill</b> – There are nettles on the footpath. The Clerk will check who is responsible for this area. Also there is graffiti on the concrete bench. The Clerk will arrange for this to be removed.</p> <p><b>Aldiss Park</b> – all ok</p> <p><b>Hayes Lane Playing Field</b> – All ok.</p> <p><b>Railway Cutting</b> – The path is very overgrown. The Clerk will ask the Groundsman to cut this.</p> <p><b>Trap Lane Playing Field</b> – all ok – very dry.</p> <p>Cllr Dutton reported that the play area at the side of the Sport &amp; Fitness Centre needs some attention. Weeds and brambles are coming through. The weed suppressant layer appears to be fibre glass. The Clerk will contact NNDC.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| 50 | <p><b>ALLOTMENT MINUTES</b></p> <p>The Allotment minutes were received and approved. Cllr Holdom reported that the income for the allotments stands at £3575 with expenditure of £1468.</p>  |  |
| 51 | <p><b>EXTRA PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR WHITELANDS</b></p> <p>The Clerk will speak to the resident for more information. She will also apply for a Tesco 'Bags of Help' grant. This would possibly be for one piece of toddler equipment and a bench.</p>   | <p>Clerk</p>                           |
| 52 | <p><b>TO CONSIDER PURCHASING DOG FOULING SIGNS</b></p> <p>The Clerk will chase NNDC to see when the 'Orders' will be enforced.</p>   | <p>Clerk</p>                           |
| 53 | <p><b>TO RECEIVE THE RoSPA SAFETY REPORTS FOR THE TOWN'S PLAY AREAS</b></p> <p>The reports were discussed. On the proposition of Cllr Acheson, seconded by Cllr Dutton suggested that the Town Council offers to takes on the maintenance of all Fakenham Recreation Ground Charity play equipment. All in favour. The repair of the bearing for the basket swing was discussed. The Clerk will obtain a further quote. This will be an agenda item for the</p>  |  |

