



Minutes of the Parks' Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Committee Room, Manor Offices, Holsworthy on Wednesday 19th February 2020 at 5.30pm

Present: Cllr. Heaven, Cllr. Briggs, Cllr. Kenneally, Cllr. Johns, Cllr. Allen & Cllr. Stanton
In Attendance: Town Clerk (TC)
ATTC

As Cllr. Parker had given her apologies for the meeting, Cllr. Kenneally proposed Cllr. Heaven as Chair for this Parks Committee. Cllr. Johns seconded the proposal and it was agreed. (Vote: 6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions).

1022. Apologies for Absence
Cllr. Parker & Cllr. Brown

1023. Declaration of Interests
The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

1024. Minutes of last meeting
Cllr. Kenneally proposed that the Minutes of the Parks Committee held on 20th November 2019, be signed as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr. Briggs and agreed. (Vote: 5 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstentions).

1025. Matters Arising
Item 1019 Cllr. Kenneally requested an update on the wall at Badock Gardens that Cllr. Brown had raised. Cllr. Brown is to get back to the TC with the location of the wall and who raised the issue.
Cllr. Johns has volunteered to inspect the walls and take photos of the problems and get back to the TC.

1026. To discuss and note the Parks' Income and Expenditure and Budget for the year 2019/20.
The TC went through the Parks Expenditure and Income sheet and confirmed that the currently the Parks budget is underspent. Cllr. Kenneally questioned if that money has not been spent where it goes. TC confirmed that with formal approval this can be moved to next years reserve.

1027. Station Close.
Three quotes were requested but only two have been received regarding the work to be completed in Station Close clearing the existing vegetation and shrubs of the small sloping area and replanting.
After discussion, it was agreed that Oak Valley Trees be contracted to carry out the works. The TC will make contact and arrange for a suitable date, also ensuring that all residents of Station Close are aware of when and what will be happening.
Cllr. Kenneally proposed that the Oak Valley Trees are to be contracted to complete works in Station Close. This was seconded by Cllr. Johns and agreed. (Vote: 6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions).
One quote has been received for the painting of a Mural on the wall at the back of the play area and another one should be received shortly. It was intended that if approved the work is to be commenced in the Summer, after ensuring that the residents of Station Close are happy with the intended works.

Cllr. Kenneally stated that the brambles overhanging the Play area needed cutting back but this may have already been done as it had been a few weeks since he last visited.

Cllr. Kenneally asked whether any more thought has gone into “Renaming” the Station Close Play Park after a local community figure. The TC confirmed not at this stage.

1028. Stanhope Park

Unfortunately, the Pocket Park funding application was not successful. The funds from this was to be used to fund new equipment in the Park targeted for the use of the elderly and people with additional needs.

Despite not being successful with this, after discussion, it was agreed that if funds could be found from various Reserves linked to the Park e.g. Playground Maintenance, Parks Projects etc that this project should still go ahead as it was important to support the elderly and people with additional needs within the community. It was agreed that this should go to Full Council for further discussion.

Previously the TC had received some preliminary designs for the proposed carving of the tree in the Park to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day next year. All Cllrs had agreed this project in a previous Council meeting with the Memorial to be completed before Remembrance Sunday. This is to be discussed further at the next F & GP Committee for formal approval to apply for the Awards for All funding to help part fund the work. The TC will make contact with the tree carver to confirm time scales and deposit etc.

1029. Badock Gardens

Correspondence has been received from the Pre School Playgroup regarding some issues in Badock Gardens. Regarding the area by the top gate the Maintenance Operative will be spoken to and the TC will reassure the Playgroup that the area will be kept as tidy as possible but this is a working area and therefore it is unavoidable that some items will be left there. It was agreed that the double gates cannot be left unlocked between 9am to 3pm because the possibility of theft and parking issues when the Maintenance Operative isn't there. The Playgroup do have a key which can be used if in an emergency i.e. to obtain a defibrillator. Also, there is a path which requires no key and is straight out into Bodmin Street. The Playgroup have also encountered issues with that water pressure and with a drain outside the Playgroup. It was agreed that approval be sought for a Water Engineer to attend and carry out a possible survey and give their recommendations on how the issues could be solved.

1030. To discuss the purchase of a Water Bowser.

The Maintenance Operative requires a Water Bowser to assist him in his duties and save time. The bowser would have to be a road worthy due to the locations of all the trees and play equipment which are distributed around Holsworthy. Currently he is using buckets, green bins and containers which is not appropriate; these are then placed onto a trailer and strapped down, this is not suitable to go onto a road.

All agreed that a water bowser should be purchased however in the first instance a second hand one should be sought up to the value of £1000, with the purchase of this agreed by the Mayor and Chair of F&GP before formal approval at the next F&GP meeting. New Water bowsers are much more expensive and if a second hand one cannot be found then the matter would require discussion at a future F&GP Committee.

Cllr. Johns proposed that a second hand Water Bowser be purchased, if available, up to the value of £1000 with the purchase of this agreed by the Mayor and Chair of the F&GP Committee. This was seconded by Cllr. Briggs and agreed. (Vote: 6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions).

Also discussed was the need of a Whirlaway which is a powerful pressure washer accessory for flat surface cleaning problems. This is connected to the pressure washer and is ideal for cleaning large surfaces areas such as paths and playground surfaces.

The Maintenance Operative currently spends a considerable amount of time cleaning the Play areas with what equipment he has; the purchase of the Whirlaway would save time. Funds for the purchase can be met from the existing Parks budget.

Cllr. Johns proposed that a Whirlaway or equivalent is to be purchased. This was seconded by Cllr. Heaven and agreed. (Vote: 6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions).

1031. Town Clerks Report.

There were no further reports.

1032. Close

Cllr. Heaven closed the meeting at 6.16pm

Signature Date