



**Minutes of the Parks' Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Committee Room, Manor Offices, Holsworthy on Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at 5.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr. Allen, Cllr. Briggs, Cllr. Hutchings, Parker, Stanton  
**In Attendance:** Town Clerk (TC)

Before the Meeting commenced it was announced the very sad news that the Deputy Mayor Cllr. Colin Punter had died. The Chair, Councillors and Town Clerk expressed their sincere condolences to his family.

**916. Apologies for absence**

Assistant to the Town Clerk.

**917. Declaration of Interests**

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

**918. Minutes of last meeting**

**Cllr. Parker proposed that the Minutes of the Parks Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018, be signed as a true record. Cllr. Brigg seconded the proposal, which was carried. (Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention).**

**919. Matters Arising**

None were raised.

**920. To discuss and note the Parks' Expenditure and Budget for the year 18/19**

The TC went through the Parks Expenditure and Income sheet. The TC confirmed that some of the items; such as the cost of the Jet Washer and the improved CCTV at the Playground will be subject to a proposed virement from the Earmarked Reserve for the Maintenance Fund for the Play Area. In response to a question from Cllr. Allen the TC confirmed that funds were available within the current year budget for the renewal of the Badock Garden main gates.

**921. To give an update on the Rydon Fields Parish Path**

Cllr. Allen gave a brief update on the Rydon Fields Parish Path and Wildlife area. He had little progress to report on since the last Parks Committee except that the developer had now allowed some access to the Wildlife and pond area but as works were still being done to the housing development the Path was not fully opened.

**922. To give an update on the play area within Station Close.**

No further correspondence has been received from the Solicitors acting for the Developers. The TC to chase a response asap.

**923. Stanhope Park**

The welding repair carried out by the manufacturer of the Air Walker item of Outdoor Gym equipment has failed again. The Company had been written to regarding this, with a request that the item be replaced as faulty. However, the manufacturer Fresh Air Fitness has refused to replace the item and instead has sent a quote for the repair of the equipment. After discussion, it was agreed that the manufacturer should be written to stating that the Council was not happy with the decision taken and requiring them to replace the item of equipment at no cost to the Council. If this is not successful consideration should be given to taking legal action and/or reporting them to the relevant Trade Association and Trading Standards.

The tarmac at the entrance to the Park has been temporarily patched with the effectiveness of this to be reviewed in March/ April.

The TC has asked for a quote to repair/replace all the tarmac paths in the Park.

**924. Badock and Rowland Gardens - To discuss matters relating to Badock Gardens and Rowland Gardens**

A letter has been received from the Pre- School Playgroup regarding the entrance into Badock Gardens through the Main Gates. Also, they have requested a key to the gate to the Playgroup Gardens. Cllr Allen agreed to meet with representatives of the Pre-school Playgroup to discuss. It was agreed that the area in front of the Main Gates should be tidied.

The Plough Theatre Company have notified the Council that they would no longer be putting on Theatre productions in the Gardens as there were not sufficient ticket sales to cover the cost.

**925. Town Clerk's Report**

Correspondence has been received from the Chairman of Holsworthy Youth Football Club regarding the progress in securing the use of the new Sports Pitch and the future intentions of Holsworthy Football Club. The TC has replied given an update on the discussions with the District Council on the new Sports Pitch and also the meeting held at the request of the Football Club regarding their project to move to a new site.

**926. Close**

Cllr. Allen closed the meeting at 5.50 pm

**Signature .....** **Date .....**