



**Minutes of the Parks' Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Committee Room, Manor Offices, Holsworthy on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 5.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. Parker, Cllr. Briggs, Cllr. Brown, Cllr. Kenneally, Cllr. Johns & Cllr. Stanton

**In Attendance:** Town Clerk (TC)  
ATTC

**1012. Apologises for Absence**

Cllr. Allen & Cllr. Heaven

**1013. Declaration of Interests**

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

**1014. Minutes of last meeting**

**Cllr. Parker proposed that the Minutes of the Parks Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019, be signed as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr. Stanton and agreed. (Vote: 6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions).**

**1015. Matters Arising**

No matters were discussed.

**1016. 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 expenditure is on budget.

The Baddock Gardens lighting and CCTV coverage projects are still to be investigated particularly as the Pre School Playgroup now have an internet connection which will help with the CCTV.

Plandscapes Invoices are still going into the Council's email junk folder hence there being two for payment this month.

**1017. Station Close.**

An article has been placed on the Council's Website and social media requesting local contractors to contact the Council if they would be interested in quoting for the work to clear the existing vegetation and shrubs of the small sloping area in Station Close and the replanting of it with a suitable scheme for easy future maintenance. The work would also require the cutting back and clearing out of the adjacent small area of hedging. Regarding the Mural on the wall at the back of the play area, the TC has contacted 2 people and is waiting on further information.

The gate to the Play area has been broken for the second time in the last 3 weeks, the Maintenance Operative will take another look at this.

**1018. Stanhope Park**

The TC had received some preliminary designs for the proposed carving of the tree in the Park to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day next year. Cllr. Kenneally asked for a copy of these designs, so that the committee could consider them and have a better understanding of what this would entail. All Cllrs present received a copy and felt this would be a great idea which would last for many years in the Park.

Further to the brief discussion in the October Council Meeting, the TC provided more detail on the Pocket Park funding Programme which could be used to fund new equipment in the Park targeted for the use of the elderly and people with additional needs. It was agreed that

an application to the Pocket Parks programme would be a good idea but that the matter should be put onto the Agendas for the next F & GP Committee and Council meeting for formal approval to apply and for the match funding requirement to be authorised.

On Sunday, it was understood that the first Holsworthy Youth Football Match took place on the new pitch, with the Mayor in attendance. Cllr. Kenneally asked it to be noted that he was unhappy with the press release relating to the new pitch as he felt it was incorrect. Cllr. Parker also commented that the Council was mentioned working in partnership with TDC and feels that this had been wrongly recorded. Cllr. Briggs and Cllr. Brown also confirmed that they were unhappy with the Press Release. The TC confirmed that the Press Release had been issued by TDC and not the Town Council and the only input the Council had into was the Mayor's comment.

**1019. Badock Gardens**

Cllr. Brown stated he has some concerns regarding one of the walls in the Garden as he was aware that one of the neighbour's wall to the garden was crumbling. The TC asked Cllr. Brown to identify which wall he was concerned about so the ownership can be confirmed and if necessary, the condition of the wall can be investigated.

**1020. Town Clerk's Report**

The Mayor, TC, ATTC and the Maintenance Operative were invited to a Rotary meeting where an organiser from Britain In Bloom gave a presentation and there was a discussion regarding the Town possibly entering the Competition in 2020. The TC suggested possible areas to include in the competition were The Square, Stanhope Park, and Badock Gardens.

Correspondence had been received from the Chair of HASP requesting the Council allow the use of Stanhope Park for the finishing point of the Ruby Run in 2020. The Pavilion would be used to provide refreshments and hot showers for the participants. It was also hoped that the use of the Park would be available for future years Ruby Runs.

Members agreed that this was an excellent idea but that a Licence would be needed the cost of this to be decided in March 2020 when the Licence charges are reviewed. Further information would be needed, when available, of the timings, refuse removal and any other activities that may take place on the day as part of the Ruby Run.

**1021. Close**

Cllr. Parker closed the meeting at 5.55pm

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