



Minutes of the Parks' Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Committee Room, Manor Offices, Holsworthy on Wednesday 18TH September at 5.30pm

Present: Cllrs. Parker, Brown, Kenneally & Stanton
In Attendance: Town Clerk (TC)
ATTC

- 991. Apologises for Absence**
Cllr. Johns, Cllr. Briggs Cllr. Heaven & Cllr. Allen
- 992. Declaration of Interests**
The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.
- 993. Minutes of last meeting**
Cllr. Brown proposed that the Minutes of the Parks Committee held on 24th July 2019, be signed as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr. Parker and agreed. (Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions).
- 994. Matters Arising**
Item 983 Cllr. Kenneally requested an update on Station Close. An update would be given under the Item later on in the Agenda.
Item 985 Cllr. Kenneally asked for an update on the Sports Pitch and the requested 7-day response from TDC. TC confirmed that this will be discussed in agenda item 996.
- 995. 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 licence fee for the outdoor exercise classes has been received.
- 996. To give an update on the new Sports Pitch in Stanhope Park.**
The TC gave a brief update on the new Sports Pitch and the previous meeting held with TDC regarding the matter. A detailed letter has been sent to TDC by the Council and TDC have been requested to respond in writing within 7 days of receipt.
- 997. To give an update on the new recreational and play area in Station Close**
The new play equipment has now been installed in Station Close. The TC confirmed that still to be done was the repairs to the gate to the playground, the replanting of the slope area and the painting of the background wall to the playground also needed finalising. Several complaints have been received about a resident of Station Close allowing their dog to foul in the area. It was agreed that this was unacceptable and a letter to be send to all residents and that he TDC Environmental Enforcement Officer be informed.
- 998. Stanhope Park**
The Bowling Club are requesting a timer light and switch. The TC requested authorisation to spend a sum of up to £200.
Cllr. Brown proposed that up to £200 be used for the purchase of a timer switch for the light and any associated electric works required. This was seconded by Cllr. Parker and agreed. (Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions).
The Council has purchased 4 benches, 3 of these have been funded by a donation from HAT and Holsworthy RBL, the reminding bench to be funded by the Council in Memory of Deputy Mayor Colin Punter. The benches are to be positioned in Stanhope Park on Tuesday 1st October. Cllr. Kenneally, Cllr. Brown and the Mayor confirmed that they will attend on behalf of the Council.

The Outdoor Gym Manufacturers are intending to contest any legal action in respect to any claim by the Council in relation to the faults on the Double Air Walker piece of equipment. The TC will seek a meeting with a solicitor for further advice before any action is taken. Cllr. Kenneally suggested replacing the equipment first then consulting/taking legal action. It was felt that legal advice should be sought first before replacing the item of equipment.

It had been agreed that additional waste bins and dog fouling bins are to be placed in Stanhope Park. However, at this stage no more bins can be placed by the Skateboard Park as the Council does not own this part of the land.

The TC will ask the Maintenance Operative to replace the fencing barriers that were removed around the Skateboard park area. However, the barrier at the end of the Skateboard Park, placed to prevent children falling into the swale, will have to be completely replaced as the RoSPA report states it should be higher.

Cllr. Kenneally suggested that an event around the Skateboard Park be held in the summer of 2020 to include professional skateboarders, music and a BBQ.

The TC will look into the cost of providing a plastic recyclable bin by the Skateboard Park and the cost of providing a water fountain within Stanhope Park.

The wooden area of the Play Equipment will be treated and painted before winter by the Maintenance Operative.

Cllr. Kenneally mentioned that the goal posts in the park are in a bad way and they look unsightly. There are no goal posts supplied with the new Redrow Pitch and hence the Youth Football Club was considering the purchase of mobile goal posts. It was agreed that the Youth Football Club be asked if it still intends to use mobile goalposts as it is possible these could also be used for the other existing pitches.

999. Badock Gardens

Cllr. Allen has confirmed that the new main gates to Badock Gardens have now been installed. The TC will arrange for the Maintenance Operative to paint the side posts to in a similar colour.

The tree work will take place in Badock Gardens on 3rd October and the Playgroup have been informed.

Badock Gardens are looking good and the Council have had a few enquiries about the hire of the Sun Lounge. At present it has all of the Christmas Lights and trees for testing in. In the New Year this could be a good opportunity, however the CCTV coverage and lighting would need to be improved.

1000. Town Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

1001. Close

Cllr. Parker closed the meeting at 5.50pm

Signature Date