



**Minutes of the Parks' Committee Meeting held via Zoom  
Holsworthy on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 5.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr. Parker, Cllr. Briggs, Cllr. Allen & Cllr. Stanton  
**In Attendance:** Town Clerk (TC), ATTC  
Lyndon Piper

**1057. Apologises for Absence.**  
Cllr. Johns

**1058. Declaration of Interests**  
Cllr. Parker asked Councillors to declare any relevant interests as they arose. As this meeting is being held by Zoom the ATTC will mark in the DOI Book and Cllrs will need to attend the office to sign.

**1059. Minutes of last meeting**  
Cllr. Briggs proposed that the Minutes of the Parks Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020, be signed as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr. Parker and agreed.  
(Vote: For 3, 0 Against, 1 Abstention).

**1060. Matters Arising.**  
None were raised.

**1061. Presentation by Lyndon Piper on the Holsworthy Cricket Club proposal for an artificial wicket and the Stanhope Park Sports Hub Development Plans. (Appendix A)**  
Lyndon gave a short presentation on behalf of Holsworthy Cricket Club on their proposal for an artificial wicket in Stanhope Park. The presentation outlined the need for an artificial wicket for the following reasons: Club progression, Junior Cricket, Ladies Cricket, Social Cricket and for expanding adult Cricket. An artificial wicket would also alleviate the pressure on the volunteer groundsmen and would ensure that cricket could be played even in very wet conditions, would extend the training that could occur and enable the Club to extend their working with local schools. Lyndon was thanked for the informative presentation and all members were happy to be working with Holsworthy Cricket Club on the artificial wicket. To show the support for the project a £3,000 grant from the Council has been allocated in the financial year 2021/22. On behalf of the Cricket Club Lyndon thanked the Council for its support and explained that the Club would be fundraising and seeking other grants to raise the rest of the funding for the artificial wicket.  
Lyndon also briefly went through the HASP Stanhope Park Sports Hub proposals which were being developed with partners. HASP with assistance from local ground working businesses was currently looking at how improvements could be made to the existing drainage at cricket pitch and the mini football pitch and would keep the Council informed.

Lyndon Piper left meeting at 5.20pm

**1062. To review the Parks Committee Action Plan (Appendix A)**

The TC updated members on the actions contained in the Parks Action List at Appendix A.

**1063. To discuss and note the Parks' Income and Expenditure and Budget for the year 2020/2021.**

The TC went through the Parks Expenditure and Income sheet explaining the expenditure so far. Covid 19 had halted projects. Regarding the works required on the slope at Station Close the hire of a mulcher would be required but the cost of this could be covered within the current Parks budget. Other items to be purchased from the budget will be plants, and a number of suitable spikey plants as well as a path for around the Memorial Tree Carving.

**1064. To discuss the Holsworthy Cricket Club proposal for an artificial wicket within Stanhope Park.**

Cllr. Parker stated that the presentation was good and that it covered all aspects of the project including how HCC will plan to raise the remaining monies as well as he after care. Cllr. Allen also agreed that this is something positive for Stanhope Park and the community.

**Cllr. Allen proposed that the Holsworthy Cricket proposal for an Artificial Wicket with a contribution of £3,000 from the Council be supported. This was seconded by Cllr. Parker and agreed. (Vote: For 4, 0 Against, 0 Abstention).**

**1065. Station Close.**

Works are required on the slope at Station Close which would include the hire of a mulcher the cost of this could be covered within the current Parks budget. The new signage has now been installed. Cllr. Parker requested confirmation that the Maintenance Operative has time to complete this task, the TC confirmed that she had spoken with him and he does. The Maintenance Operative has suggested that the hedge at the top of the slope remains but that he will dig out and remove the plant with spikes contained within the hedge.

Cllr. Allen suggested that a membrane be placed on the slope to prevent plants growing back.

**1066. Stanhope Park**

The TC asked whether the Memorial Tree should have a plaque with the details of VE day Remembrance as the intended service of dedication did not go ahead because of the Covid-19 restrictions. Cllr Allen suggested that the carvers' details should be mentioned on any plaque as well.

Cllr. Parker mentioned that the path around the Memorial tree (Minute ref 1063) should be wide enough for a wheelchair user/double pram as the area gets very muddy. The TC confirmed that this has been discussed with the Maintenance Operative; the TC will also speak to him regarding suitable spikey plants to form a barrier around the base, this would hopefully deter any vandalism.

Cllr. Parker also reminded members that the tree still needs to be blessed, and this will be done in due course.

Cllr. Allen asked if the Council could continue to investigate whether it could have the land area around the Skate park transferred to it. The TC will contact the owners again to see if they would reconsider this.

**1067. Badock Gardens**

The TC confirmed that the Christmas Lights are currently being separated and sorted. Over the coming weeks the ATTC and Maintenance Operative will test, label, bag and count all the lights. The Christmas Trees are now in poor condition, so many of these will not be kept. Once this has been done, all the lights will be stored in the container in Stanhope Park, which will then allow the Sun Lounge to be empty. Cllr. Allen stated that when this is done can the sunlounge be redecorated including the repair needed to the ceiling.

The small storage area at the rear where the Maintenance Operative works from has very poor lighting with various extensions. Also, the office storage room which contains old paperwork has no plug sockets. The TC will obtain quotes from electricians to improve the lighting at the storage area and install plug sockets. Cllr. Allen suggested contacting Cllr. Shepherd as he may have some contacts.

There followed a discussion of whether solar lighting would be suitable along the path within the garden including the path to the Sun Lounge. Cllr. Allen suggested contacting Cllr. Shepherd as he may have some contacts.

Cllr. Allen stated that the raised bed area behind Penrose Terrace before the entrance to Badock Gardens, looks untidy and unkempt. The TC informed members that the tenant has been looking after this but she will discuss with Maintenance Operative.

**1068. Town Clerks Report.**

Nothing to report.

**1069. Close**

Cllr. Parker closed the meeting at 5.54pm

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

## **Appendix A**

### PARKS ACTION LIST