



**Minutes of the Parks Committee held In the Town Council Offices on
Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 5.30pm**

Present: Councillors: D. De ste Croix, D. Cole, H. Parker, S. Preston, J. Tadman

In Attendance: Town Clerk (TC), Maintenance Operative (MO)

1497. Apologies for Absence.

Councillors: N. Kenneally, L. Piper

1498. Declaration of Interests – To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on the agenda.

Councillor H. Parker asked that councillors declare any interests as they arise.

1499. Minutes of the Last Meeting – To sign the Minutes of the Parks Committee Meeting held on the 9th October 2024.

Councillor D. De ste Croix proposed that the Meeting held on the 9th October 2024 be approved. This was seconded by Councillor J. Tadman and agreed.

(3 For, 2 Abs)

1500. Matters Arising – To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the 9th October 2024 Meeting, not already covered by the agenda. For information only.

1494 - Cllr J. Tadman – Queried if there has been a response received from the Bowls Club. The TC will ask Cllr. N. Kenneally to update on his return.

1501. To Review the Parks Action Plan

Councillors reviewed the action list and clarified that:

- The fence at Church Lane has been completed.
- The memorial statue which was due to be placed at the Memorial Hall has been erected at the Church as per community request.
- The Signage for Blagdon Wharf at the Pavilion, Stanhope Park has been completed.
- The play park inspection has been completed.
- The CCTV at the Skateboard Park is in progress.
- The thank you letter for Holsworthy Pets has been sent.
- The path ownership at the Skateboard Park is underway with the solicitors.

Cllr J. Tadman queried if the skateboard park path will become part of the continuous Parish Path inspections. Discussion ensued.

1502. To discuss and note the Parks' Income and Expenditure and Budget for the year 2024/25.

The TC noted that current expenditure includes:

- removal of the tree at Station Close
- Ground Maintenance for November
- Large Electricity bill – There is currently an ongoing issue with the billing of electricity due to complications with transitioning from the former energy company.

- Cllr. J. Tadman queried the cost of replacing the number of bins that have been damaged by Arson. The Maintenance Operative clarified that one bin at the park has been replaced and the one by the gates will be replaced in due time, this will leave HTC with 2 spare bins. Cllr. D. De ste Croix suggested contacting the insurance company to query if the bins can be claimed.

1503. Station Close – To discuss items relating to Station Close.

Maintenance Operative stated the grass is due a cut which is weather dependant. Discussion ensued.

1504. Stanhope Park – To discuss matter relating to Stanhope Park including

The path is complete. When work was approved gates were not approved. discussion ensued. Tc advised to defer to budget meeting. D. Cole- discussed drainage options. discussion ensued. Cllr. J Tadman suggested revisiting site & then approved those that given the quote and see if a separate quote can be created. The play equipment repaired. h44, community liked the statue at the church as did the reverend.

1505. To discuss and agree a Stanhope Park Site Visit for a new playground equipment

Maintenance Operative has spoken with academic about new equipment and wanted it to be disability safe. academic suggested 'towers' connected with ramps and sensory boards. site visit to be organised. MO to send links of play equipment to TC re stanhope close.

1506. Skateboard Park – To discuss matters relating to the Skateboard park

CCTV is going in and bins are replaced. Cllr.

1507. Badock and Rowland Gardens - To discuss matters relating to Badock Gardens and Rowland Gardens.

1508. To discuss matters relating to the Parish Paths

Sun Lounge project is progressing. Parker, Piper, contractors and TC to meet next Thursday. winter plants growing and will be planted by D. Cole and maintenance operative.

1509. Town Clerk's Report

I want to formally thank Cllr. Cole, Cllr. H. Parker, Mr I. Parker and maintenance operative for bulb planting. Cllr. L. Piper wanted it to be minutes that he proposed a mechanical storage room to be erected to the rear of hasp which would lie on TDC land. Quarterly meetings with economic of TDC. Football club are planning on meeting with a group of people for discussing fundraising this Friday.

H. parker, before I close, Id like to thank the maintenance operative for his work with planting recently.

1510. Close

Councillor H. Parker closed the meeting at 18:35