



NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
14 JANUARY 2020

**Minutes of the Development & Amenities Committee Meeting held on
14 January 2020 at 18 King's Arms Street, North Walsham NR28 9JX**

Present :

Chair : Cllr R Murphy

Vice Chair : Cllr I Jackson

Cllr A Fryer

Cllr B Hester

Cllr J Melville

Cllr P Oakes

Cllr B Wright

In Attendance :

Mr D Gilbert – Head Groundsman

Lead Officer

Deputy Town Clerk : Ms T Foster

Members of the Public : Two

Meeting opened at 19.00

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence: Cllr M Gray (family), Mr M Smith (family)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

As approved by Cllr B Hester and seconded by Cllr A Fryer it was **RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the Development & Amenities Committee Meeting of
12 November 2019 are agreed as a true record**

Cllr J Melville and Cllr P Oakes abstained as they did not attend this meeting.

As approved by Cllr I Jackson and seconded by Cllr A Fryer it was **RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of 18 December 2019 are agreed
as a true record**

R. Murphy
14.1.20

Clr J Melville abstained as she was not present at this meeting.
All present unanimously agreed.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public spoke as follows :

“Tree Planting. The District Council would have 110,000 trees to plant over the next four years being 27,000 a year which would necessitate extra management of the trees by NNDC Countryside rangers. Could the Town Council support the District Council by working together?”

Notice Boards. What would the consideration be for the placement of Notice Boards at the convenience stores?

Crowd Control Barriers. Would like to know more about the crowd control barriers, what types, what they will be used for and as much information as possible?”

5. Memorial Gardens

The Chair handed out information obtained since the meeting of 18 December 2019 It was reported that the Royal British Legion (“RBL”) Vice President has had some input. On the Existing War Memorial there were 11 servicemen of the Royal Norfolk Regiment. More quotes had been obtained for Memorials, Benches and Existing War Memorial cleaning.

A list is being compiled of all the servicemen on the Existing War Memorial as to rank, service unit etc such list would be available at the next meeting. .

Consideration was given to placing a memorial in each of the four grassed areas representing the Army, Navy, RAF and Homefront (being the Land Army, WRVS etc).

A suggestion of poppies within the Cairn either being along the fence or free standing was made by “RBL” adding permanent colour to the Cairn.

The Chair allowed the Vice President of “RBL” to speak at this point:

“He had seen the drawings submitted and agreed a memorial should be placed in each of the four grassed areas representing the Army, Navy, RAF and Homefront. The latter covered many voluntary organisations. In particular he liked the granite stone memorial (being the rustic memorial on one of the boards) such memorial could contain details of the service, insignias and mottos in colour making an impact in the Memorial Garden. It was inappropriate to mention animals as these were used primarily in WW1 whereas WW2 was mechanised.

The idea of colour being added to the memorials is why the suggestion of poppies had been made. He liked the idea of poppies being included in the Cairn or otherwise as it would enhance the Memorial Garden.

He felt that the memorials in surrounding areas (Felmingham, Bacton etc.) should be checked to see whether any names were duplicated on those memorials and the Existing War Memorial.

As an side he mentioned that should WW1 be considered for a memorial in the future he felt that the “Tommy” soldier (being the symbol of the WW1 dedications over the last few years) representing this war could be placed outside either side of the East Window and inside St Nicholas Church with a further “Tommy” at the War Memorial Hospital.

Members then took time to look through the drawings discussing the same and the costings provided. It was agreed that further consideration should be given and further quotes obtained.

Contact has been made with the representative at NNDC who wished to be informed on progress, he would be contacted with an update following this meeting.

As proposed by Cllr J Melville and seconded by Cllr I Jackson it was **RESOLVED**

That further quotes should be obtained for Memorials

All present unanimously agreed.

6. TREE PLANTING FOR SAINSBURY'S 150th ANNIVERSARY

The Chair advised the species of trees had not been disclosed. Suggested locations for the trees were the wild flower strip at the War Memorial Park, Fiske's Wood and the boundary at Trackside.

Our Local District Councillor N Lloyd was the Environment Portfolio Member of NNDC and is involved with the tree planting. The Chair suggested a meeting be arranged with Cllr B Wright, Cllr P Oakes, Cllr R Murphy and Dis Cllr N Lloyd to discuss tree planting in North Walsham and generally.

As proposed by Cllr J Melville and seconded by Cllr B Hester it was **RESOLVED** that

A meeting between Cllr B Wright, Cllr P Oakes, Cllr R Murphy and the Dis Cllr N Lloyd should be arranged to discuss tree planting.

The Chair requested the Lead Officer to arrange the meeting.
All present agreed unanimously.

Note : 19.50 Cllr A Fryer leaves the meeting.

7. NOTICE BOARDS

The Chair stated the three convenience stores had been approached and all were prepared to have a Notice Board on the outside wall of their stores with possible remuneration.

Consideration was given to other sites for placement of Notice Boards near the seats in Station Road and Aylsham Road, and areas in the West Ward such alternative locations should be investigated. Notice Boards being A2 size were acceptable.

As proposed by Cllr B Hester and Cllr J Melville that it was **RESOLVED**

That alternative placements for the Notice Boards should be investigated and referred to the next meeting.

This item will be deferred until the next meeting.
All present unanimously agreed.

8. TO CONSIDER CROWD CONTROL BARRIERS

The Chair explained the barriers were required for work in the cemeteries, but could also be used for events in the Town with the possibility of hiring them out to event organisations.

Discussion on the type, size, durability, Health & Safety, storage and costs were considered.

It was agreed that up to 25 barriers should be ordered. However, the Head Groundsman would check the costs from another supplier and would instigate the order.

As proposed by Cllr B Hester and seconded by Cllr I Jackson it was **RESOLVED**

To purchase up to 25 crowd control barriers with the Head Groundsman to proceed to place the order

All present unanimously agreed.

R. Murphy
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9. TO CONSIDER MEMORIAL PARK BENCHES

Details of memorial park benches were produced, it was suggested that approx. 20/25 benches could be placed in the Parks as memorial benches by any family for a family member with a standard sized plaque used for the inscription.

The Memorial Park would be able to have a large number of benches particularly on the side where the High School is situated.

It was agreed a list of possible locations of the benches ideally marked on a plan would be undertaken by Cllr B Wright, Cllr P Oakes and Cllr R Murphy.

As proposed by Cllr R Murphy and seconded by Cllr I Jackson it was **RESOLVED**

That a list and plan should be prepared to show locations of potential Memorial Park Benches.

This item will be deferred until the next meeting

All present unanimously agreed.

10. NORTH WALSHAM PLAY

The following updates were given :

- (1) **Update on cradle swings for Woodville Park.** The insurance claim was not proceeding but enough monies had been raised for a replacement swing through crowd funding. Replacements being investigated and reported at next meeting.
- (2) **Pocket Park Application** – The application had been submitted for this grant.
- (3) **Skate Park Planning Permission** – Planning decision should be received shortly.

11. UPDATE ON MANOR ROAD STREET LIGHTS

It was understood the Town Mayor had looked at the lights and as there were various options available being above the Committee's budget it was agreed that this item should be referred to full Council.

As proposed by Cllr B Hester and seconded by Cllr J Melville it was **RESOLVED**

That this matter is referred to the next full Council Meeting

All present unanimously agreed.

12. The Chairman's Report

The Chair worked through the items on the Development & Amenities Action Log updating members on the position of each item.

Date of next meeting: 11 February 2020

Meeting closed : 20.00

R. Murphy
14.1.20