



NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Development & Amenities Meeting

held on Tuesday 9 February 2021, Virtually by Zoom Conference

Present:

Town Councillors: Cllr Murphy (Chair); Cllr Felstead; Cllr Gray; Cllr Hester; Cllr Wright;

Town Clerk: Ms J Shields

Members of Public: Daniel Gilbert (Heads Groundsman)

The meeting opened at 19.00

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Melville (ill); Cllr Sims (no apologies)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal interests: None

Pecuniary interests: None

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING - emailed with Agenda

(As per Standing Order 12b, to approve accuracy of actions & decisions as a true record)

As proposed by Cllr Murphy and seconded by Cllr Felstead, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Virtual Council Meeting held on 10 November 2020 be agreed as a true record

4. UPDATE ON MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Decision/Action Log (Report attached)

5. PUBLIC FORUM

(As per Standing Order 3e Items on this agenda only; Standing Order 3f Total duration 15mins max; Standing Order 3g Max 3mins per person; and Standing Order 3h Questions don't require a response at this meeting)

To receive verbal report from a member of the public:

No members of the public were present

6. UPDATED EVENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

It was discussed that it was far more manageable with only having 19 pages, a couple of visual amendments were needed

As proposed by Cllr Hester and seconded by Cllr Wright it was **RESOLVED** to make the adjustments and recommend to Full Council

7. PARK RUN

It was discussed that they were proposing a weekly run round the school and park, this would mean putting a gate in the palisade fencing. Concerns were made over ruining the grass if the same area is repeatedly used. It was noted that the fence belongs to the school, the Council would be happy to help part-fund a gate as this would be helpful for events both at the school and the park

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As proposed by Cllr Hester and seconded by Cllr Gray it was **RESOLVED** to approve a weekly park run and look into the cost of a palisade gate, before agreeing any funding to the school

8. TO CONSIDER SENDING OUT LETTERS FOR OVERHANGING TREES

It was discussed that this was definitely needed, but to change the wording from 14days to 28days giving residents more time, it was also discussed to send out as many letters as possible

As proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Gray it was **RESOLVED** that the letter was acceptable with the change of allowable days and to send out letters to identified properties

9. EPIC RUN

It was discussed that if Funday goes ahead, that everyone is happy for the Park Run to run alongside Funday. It was agreed last year, and we should be encouraging people to be healthy

As proposed by Cllr Hester and seconded by Cllr Gray it was **RESOLVED** to approve the EPIC RUN Event Management Plan

10. TO CONSIDER DESIGN FOR 2 BAY SWING

It was discussed that a wooden swing would only last about 7-12years. Councillors were not happy with hags but, as we already have Hags equipment on the parks thought it better to keep it uniform, no surfacing was necessary

As proposed by Cllr Hester and seconded by Cllr Gray it was **RESOLVED** to purchase the 2Bay swing set from Hags with a quote of £2951+VAT and delivery to be installed on the grass

11. TO DISCUSS CEMETERY TREES BACKING ONTO RESIDENTS LAND ON DIXON ROAD

It was discussed that about 6 Beech trees border this property and they are requesting to have them severely reduced in height. A survey has been carried out and the trees are all healthy, so there is no real reason for reducing the height. These trees are at their mature height and will not grow any taller. If we reduce these trees, we could be setting a precedent. A letter should be sent to the resident

As proposed by Cllr Hester and seconded by Cllr Gray it was **RESOLVED** to not to reduce the height of the trees, and to continue to have an annual survey

12. TO DISCUSS EXCLUDING DOGS FROM GRASS IN THE CEMETERY

It was discussed that people were starting to use the cemetery for walking their dogs and throwing balls. It is a sacred place, not a park and dogs should be kept off the grass and on a lead. Signage is needed

As proposed by Cllr Gray and seconded by Cllr Felstead it was **RESOLVED** for Cllr Wright to agree signage for keeping dogs off the grass

13. TO CONSIDER ADDING TIME CLOCK TO MEMORIAL PARK LIGHTS – from residents on precept survey

It was discussed that these are low lighting led lights, that only light up the path, we want to encourage people to walk through at any time of the night. Electricity costs are only about £24 a quarter

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As proposed by Cllr Murphy and seconded by Cllr Hester it was **RESOLVED to keep them as they are, so people can walk through the park at any time of the night**

14. TO CONSIDER WILDFLOWER AREA'S – from residents on precept survey

- In both Cemeteries – already have the bank at Melbourne Rd, and behind the Chapel Cottage
- On highways verges – already have Greens Road bank and up by Midland Rd
- In Memorial Park – already have behind and the side of the tennis courts

This was originally resolved at a Council meeting held on 23.9.19 item 6a, and no more suitable areas have been identified to become wildflower area's

15. DOG PARK – from a resident and on precept survey

15.1. To consider re-instating a bench in the Dog Park – *requested by a resident*

It was discussed that the seat was removed because of teenage anti-social behaviour. To control this, we could ask the police to do a nightly foot patrol around the dog park and look at the cost of installing a fixed CCTV camera that views the dog park and also under the bridge

As proposed by Cllr Murphy and seconded by Cllr Hester it was **RESOLVED to reinstall a bench, talk to the Police about foot control and get a quote for a fixed CCTV camera**

15.2. To consider constructing a dog agility area – *from precept survey*

Some Councillors were against it, although other Councils parks have this facility. It was discussed to investigate costs and insurance

Deferred for costs of equipment and insurance and whether CCTV can be installed as in 15.1 above

16. NORTH WALSHAM PLAY

16.1. Skate park update – deferred to next meeting

16.2. Park Cleaning – deferred to next meeting

17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA/LATE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

- North Walsham Play - Skate park update
- North Walsham Play - Park Cleaning
- Quote for CCTV at Dog Park
- Costs for agility equipment in the Dog Park

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 9 March 18.30

The meeting closed at 19.50

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