

NORTH WALSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Development & Amenities Committee meeting

held on 12 March 2019, at 18 Kings Arms St, North Walsham

Present :

Chair : Cllr R Murphy
Cllr A Fryer (Vice Chair)

Cllr B Hester
Cllr J Melville
Cllr R Mooney
Cllr M Seward
Cllr S Stuckey
Cllr D Turner

In Attendance :

Mr D Gilbert – Head Groundsman
Mr M Smith – North Walsham Play

Deputy Town Clerk Ms T Foster

Meeting opened at 18.30

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of a non pecuniary interest were made by :

Cllr J Melville – No 6
Cllr M Seward – No 10(b)

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr E Wheeler (family)
As proposed by Cllr J Melville and seconded by Cllr S Stuckey it was **RESOLVED**

That the apologies received should be accepted

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

As proposed by Cllr J Melville and seconded by Cllr A Fryer it was **RESOLVED**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2019 be agreed as
a true copy**

(A query was raised regarding 12 – Bollards and their placement at 4A Market Place. The Chair advised that a bollard would not now be placed next to Kelly’s Plaice and the Mortgage Shop)

4. POPPIES LICENCE

The Tenants of the Poppies Nursery have contacted the Town Council asking if they could have a Lease of “the Pavilion” instead of the Rental Agreement. It was agreed that a Lease would be prepared for consideration by members.

It was understood the rent review had been based on the value of the property as a “Pavilion”.
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That a Lease to replace the Rental Agreement could be prepared

The Deputy Town Clerk to prepare the Lease.

All present agreed.

5. FENCING AT WOODVILLE PARK

The Chair advised only one quote had been obtained and two further quotes were necessary. This matter would be deferred to the next meeting.

6. UPDATE ON BENCH AT MELBOURNE ROAD

The Chair advised the Deputy Town Clerk had been contacting Victory Housing on a regular basis but having received no reply had now referred this matter further.

This would be deferred to the next meeting.

Note : Cllr J Melville did not take part in this discussion as she had declared a non pecuniary interest.,

7. HEAD GROUNDSMAN :

(a) Update on hedge at the Cemetery

Mr D Gilbert produced a photo showing the laurel hedge before removal and then afterwards. The bank had been removed and some of the area was now “crushed concrete” for parking. A beech hedge would be planted with some Cupressus Sempervirens (or similar) tall thin conifers.

(b) Update on Spa Common

He advised the soil had been levelled out and was going to be re-tested on 15 March 2019 by the same geotechnical engineers who carried out the original Contamination Report to ensure the recommendations had been complied with.

8. NORTH WALSHAM PLAY

Mr M Smith advised :

- He understood from parents the play area at the Memorial Park needed more seating. A plan was produced suggesting the area in which benches could be placed situated near the play area. These would be the Marmax type in wood brown effect with extended legs. North Walsham Play would pay for these benches and installation would be with the assistance of the Head Groundsman.

As proposed by Cllr J Melville and seconded by Cllr A Fryer it was **RESOLVED**

That three benches should be purchased in the Marmax wood brown effect design with extended legs

All present agreed.

Mr Smith would arrange the order of the three benches with the Town Clerk.

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- On behalf of the Town Council the Big Society Fund money had been received.
- Sheringham Shoal Application outcome was still awaited which would provide the outdoor gym being 13 pieces of equipment for youths and others.
- Trackside. Consideration had been given to possibly replacing the Skate Park in one part and then having new play equipment (swings and slides) in the other part. The Sadler's Folly project would still continue along with the Trackside project.

9. CONSIDERATION OF EVENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FROM L GRAY & SON'S FUNFAIR

The Chair stated the completed Event Management Plan had been received from Mr Gray. Members read the Event Plan and agreed it was acceptable.

As proposed by Cllr S Stuckey and seconded by Cllr R Mooney it was **RESOLVED**

That the Event Management Plan from L Gray & Son should be accepted.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Car Park

An update was given on the Midland Road Car Park whereby Norfolk County Council had given a purchase price for their piece of land with an acceptance deadline of the end of June.

(b) Poppies Nursery :

(i) Painting

A quote was produced for painting Poppies but the Town Clerk would be obtaining two further quotes.

This would be referred to full Council

Note : Cllr M Seward did not take part in this discussion as she had declared a non pecuniary interest.

(ii) Full Re-thatching

Two quotes were produced for re-thatching of the roof.

As proposed by Cllr B Hester and seconded by Cllr S Stuckey it was **RESOLVED**

To recommend to accept the quote received from David Rebbeck

This will be referred to full Council.

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(c) CCTV – Screen

Due to an increased capacity in CCTV cameras it has been necessary to purchase a larger screen to facilitate viewing the cameras. The cost was under the budget allocated to the Development & Amenities Committee so the purchase was made with this allowance.

All present agreed that under the budget of D & A this purchase was acceptable and could be made.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to take place on 9 April 2019.

Meeting closed at 19.04