



BEAMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL RECREATIONS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Recreations & Amenities Committee meeting held in the Skyrm Room, Public Hall on Tuesday 13th February 2018 at 7.00pm.

076 PRESENT: Cllr M Jupp (Chairman), Cllr T Beswarick, Cllr P Body, Cllr R Cheeseman, Cllr A Dawkins, Cllr S Norris, Cllr Mrs J Page and Cllr C Turner: also Christine Bright (Town Clerk), Mr M Runyard and Mr D Williams.

077 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R Hansford and Mr B Martin.

078 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members had previously been circulated with the minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2017. Minutes confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Under this heading Cllr Dawkins sought clarification of the insurance position with regard to the value of fuel held in store. The Town Clerk advised that, whilst the value of fuel stored was significantly less than the insured value, the difference in insurance premium was minimal therefore the insured value remained at £1,000.

079 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

The Town Clerk declared a personal interest in Memorial Playing Field – gates.

080 MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

The Town Clerk left the meeting.

(a) Gates to secure the premises

With the introduction of Dog Control Orders that exclude dogs from the Playing Field members had previously approved a quotation to supply and erect two gates however it had been possible to recycle an existing gate therefore a revised quotation had been obtained from John Bright Fencing, to supply and erect a Diamond Braced gate on the one remaining pedestrian path leading to Beaminster School. Members **NOTED** a budget saving of £301.00 + VAT and **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation in the sum of £537.00 + VAT (budget heading 4024/301)

The Town Clerk returned to the meeting.

(b) Children's Play Area

Members **NOTED** a quotation received to replace timbers in the concrete bench. Mr Williams **AGREED** to cost the necessary timber to undertake the repair with a view to a decision being taken by Full Council at the end of February.

(c) Extension of concrete pad adjacent the garage

Mr Williams had submitted a request to extend the concrete pad from the garage to the cricket net base, as it would facilitate easier movement of grass cutting equipment and undertaking machinery maintenance. Members considered the request to be a practical solution and it was **AGREED** to pursue, possibly in conjunction with the Cricket Club's planned extension to the cricket net base.

The Town Clerk updated members with regard to Mr Dower's previous proposal to plant a small number of trees on the western boundary of the playing field. Having consulted the owners of the adjacent properties it had become clear to Mr Dower that the proposal would not be welcomed and he withdrew his offer.

Under this heading Cllr Beswarick raised his ideas for a walking/running track around the perimeter of the playing field. The general consensus felt it would not be a feasible idea however, as the idea had not been an agenda item Cllr Beswarick was asked to initially progress his idea and produce a report for further consideration

081 CEMETERY

(a) Memorials

As a result of the memorial testing members **NOTED** it had been necessary, for Health and Safety purposes to lay down a total of 24 memorials, mostly in the closed section of the burial ground and the majority being large cross structures. Due to the age of the memorials it had not been possible to record all the names however with the aid of written records all efforts would be made to contact the owner (next of kin) of those graves to let them know that the headstones had been laid down for safety, responsibility to re-erect the memorial would be with the family.

The Town Clerk advised that it was the intention to display a notice on each memorial for a period of six months; also to place two advertisements, during the six month period, in the local press in an attempt to identify the owners. **NOTED** and **AGREED**.

(b) Damage sustained by gravedigger equipment

Members **NOTED** the content of the Town Clerk's report previously circulated and **RESOLVED** to exclude the gravedigger in question from working within both the closed churchyard and the cemetery with immediate effect.

082 FURLANDS ALLOTMENTS

No items were raised for discussion however members **NOTED** a communal hedge cutting event would take place on Saturday 24th February.

083 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting to be advised following the setting of the 2018/19 Calendar of Meetings.

084 MEETING

The meeting which started at 7.00pm closed at 8.20pm

CHAIRMAN