

#### ATTLEBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

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# **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee Held on Monday, 17 August 2015 at 5.30pm in the Town Hall

Present:

Cllr S Taylor – presiding

Cllr T Crouch Cllr G Ellis Cllr T Taylor

Cllr T Perkins

In attendance – Anne Willett, Clerk's Assistant, & Sandra Dewsbury, Office Assistant

Cllr J Williams 2 x public

### 21.15) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted as follows:-

Cllr J Taylor - work Cllr A Heginbotham - work

Further apologies noted from Gina Lopes, Town Clerk, due to holiday

## 22.15) Declarations of Interest

- a) To receive and consider declarations of interest None received
- b) To receive and consider any requests for dispensation of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest None received

### 23.15) Public Participation

**RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned to allow the public to speak – No comments received

# 24.15) Minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2015

**RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 20 July 2015 as a true and accurate record of the meeting and the Chairman duly signed the minutes

**Min 19.15 c)** Cllr T Crouch requested the grass around the trees at Gaymers is fully trimmed and Cllr S Taylor stated members of the public cannot get to the apples whilst the grass is left long. Cllr T Perkins thought it had been previously agreed to leave the grass long for the dog walkers. The Clerk would be requested to instruct the Groundsmen to cut the grass short.

Min 16.15g) Cllr G Ellis enquired about the Risk Assessment and it was confirmed that an alternative consultant was being sought as Mr Greengrass had retired.

Min 16.15h) Cllr Ellis also asked about the resident's hedge and it was confirmed the letter had been sent to the resident informing him of members' decision.

Min 20.15b) Cllr G Ellis has contacted the electrician to find the source of the supply for the existing floodlights.

#### 25.15) Environmental Matters

- **a) New Picnic Benches** Cllr Ellis enquired if there would be any S106 money available, Cllr S Taylor reported there is £15,000.00 in reserves for Open Spaces and proposed the purchase of 10 picnic benches and asked Cllr Ellis to contact Andrew Sparrow at Fenland Leisure regarding this and to enquire about 2 children's play shelters.
- **b)** Sensory Garden This is postponed as Cllr S Taylor reported Cllr E Tyrer will work with the NP to look at this
- c) Tree Stump in Queen's Square Cllr S Taylor asked for the winning design from the Jubilee Project to be carved creating a cider press and a diamond. To take advice and obtain prices from wood carvers
- d) Additional football pitch and floodlights at Gaymers Cllr J Williams suggested passing on information from the Football Association to the football club to see if eligible for help with funding. When Cllr T Perkins visited the Recreation Ground he was complimented on how good a state the football pitch was in from Norwich City football training club.
- **e)** Closed churchyard Cllr G Ellis advised when the Clerk returns from holiday the Head of Norwich City College will come out for a meeting with a view to carrying out the work without any charge. Cllr S Taylor asked to be notified of the time and date when this will take place .

# **26.15) Planting**

- a) Autumn Tree Planting Neil Thomas has looked and will advise later
- **b) Native Hedge** Cllr T Crouch has spoken with Neil Thomas and are deciding between Ligustrum Ovalifolium ( Green Privet ) and or Fagus Sylvatic (Green Beech). Cllr T Perkins and Cllr G Ellis were in favour of an evergreen hedge, Cllr T Perkins enquired about maintainence, needs cutting twice a year. Cllr S Taylor asked Cllr T Crouch to obtain two quotes.
- **c)** Lomond Road Child Friendly Plants Cllr S Taylor and Cllr T Crouch will look into more plants for inside children's play area, suggested Lavender plants.

## 27.15 Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed

Meeting closed at 6.20pm