



### **34.16 Carnival permission**

Sam Aghabi, Carnival Committee, was invited to discuss the recent advertisement of the 2017 Carnival dates. These had been advertised in Issue 8 of Attleborough Matters as being on the 8 and 9 July 2017, however, members were unhappy as these dates had not been approved by the Council. Mr Aghabi explained that there had been a tight deadline for the advertisement to be submitted which had complicated seeking permission and that he had planned to do so retrospectively. Members expressed concern that the dates given may not be available but confirmed that the Council fully supported the Carnival Committee. However, it is necessary to ensure that the correct procedures are followed regarding approval so as to not set a precedence. The Council wished to encourage communication between the two committees. Mr Aghabi agreed he would send a retrospective email to the Council office to request approval regarding the advertised dates and would also confirm date of the next Carnival AGM date, as requested.

### **35.16 Licence – Recreation Ground**

The Alcohol Licence for the recreation ground was discussed and Cllr Dale felt this should be fully discussed and sorted out before the next Carnival. There was a suggestion that any of the staff could supervise the bar but Cllr Ellis expressed concerns regarding this arrangement and suggested the current licence holder for the Town Hall would be more suitable. Cllr S Taylor was not in favour as she felt bar prices would be too high for groups that would use the recreation ground for events. All information is needed regarding the different kinds of licence available and for further discussion in two months' time

**ACTION: CLERK**

### **36.16 Other environmental matters**

#### **a) Request for a memorial bench**

A request from a member of the public seeking permission to place a memorial bench was considered. Debate took place regarding the suitability of placement in either Queen's Square or the Cemetery. It was confirmed that one memorial bench had already been installed in the cemetery site.

On the motion of Cllr Ellis, seconded by Cllr Burton, it was

**RESOLVED** that the Cemetery was the most suitable place and the family may purchase a memorial bench but it must be in the same style as the existing bench

#### **b) Queen's Square**

Cllr S Taylor praised the Groundsmen for the attractive appearance of Queen's Square saying that they had done a good job. However, the lack of rain has affected the quality of planting. Cllr Couch stated that the excessively hot weather is causing some appearance issues with some plants and they requested that the grounds staff water the plants. The Clerk advised that the groundsmen are already watering as often as possible but would pass on the request

#### **b) Tree management strategy**

Briefly mentioned and confirmed that Mr Thomas was unable to attend this meeting but would attend a future meeting

#### **c) No Smoking Policy signs**

Cllr Burton queried whether the No Smoking Policy signs were being displayed and the Clerk confirmed they had been received from Breckland and given to the Head Groundsman and believed they were now in place but would check

**d) Goal Posts**

The progress of the surfacing of the goal posts was queried and the Clerk informed the committee that she is awaiting the pricing for this.

**e) S106 funding for play areas**

Cllr Burton asked the Clerk to confirm if the funds had been received for the MUGA and the Clerk advised that the application had been submitted for £39,900 and the outcome was awaited. Cllr Ellis advised that he had looked into this previously and it was suggested to move the MUGA from London Road to the Recreation ground and make a new area. The Clerk confirmed she had met with the Play Consultant and Breckland Officer to identify available funds and advised that there was a query over funding for London Road as may not be the Council owned site, yet to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 6.30pm