

ATTLEBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2014 at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Membership

S Taylor (Chair)	A Marchant
T Perkins	J Owen
T Ashby	G Ellis

(Mayor and Deputy Mayor – as per Standing Order 15a vi)

Present: Cllrs S Taylor, Pettitt, Ellis, Crouch, Owen, Perkins, Ashby

Also present: Cllrs Thomas

Absent: Cllr Marchant

The meeting commenced at 8.00 p.m.

It was proposed by Cllr S Taylor seconded by Cllr Ellis and RESOLVED by Committee that Cllr Pettitt be the note taker.

78/13 APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 1)

Cllr Marchant proposed by Cllr Pettitt seconded by Cllr Ellis

79/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 2)

79/13.1 To consider declarations of interest in respect of items below.

Cllr Thomas declared an interest in item 6 & 9

79/13.2 To receive any requests for dispensation of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

No such declarations.

80/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda Item 3)

No topics raised.

81/13 MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)

It was proposed by Cllr Pettitt, seconded by Cllr Ellis and RESOLVED by Committee that the Minutes of the meeting of 16th December 2013 were a correct record and duly signed by the Chair with no amendments required.

82/13 PLAY AREAS (Agenda Item 5)

Cllr Taylor explained that when she and Cllr Ellis met with Andrew from Fenland Leisure he explained that the grass near the edge of the wetpore at Norfolk Drive Cignet Close and the Recreation Ground needs to be trimmed back all agreed Cllr S Taylor would speak to Adrian to carry out the work. **Action Cllr S Taylor**

83/13 TREES (Agenda Item 6)

Cllr Thomas explained he was getting a quote together to do some remedial work on trees in the churchyard. Cllr Pettitt had spoken with the church re seeking the church's permission. **Action Cllrs Thomas and Pettitt**

Cllr Thomas reported the work had not yet been started on removing the willow tree from the cemetery. Cllr Thomas had chased Waveney trees but they had not yet given a date. It was agreed that if Waveney Trees do not carry out the work by the end of this month then Council will ask the next quote on the list behind Norfolk trees **Action Cllr Pettitt and Thomas.**

Cllr Thomas also reported that he was going to do some more tree work himself this week, 2 big oak trees at the cemetery and 3 trees on the avenue of limes.

It had been reported to Council that there were some branches over hanging path very close to pedestrians heads. Cllr Thomas said he would go to have a look and Cllr Pettitt would write to the resident to point out the dangers and ask for work to be done. **Action Cllr Pettitt and Thomas**

Cllr S Taylor explained previous it had been agreed to purchase some nut trees but that had not yet been done it was agreed by committee for Cllr Thomas to purchase 6 nut trees and it be paid from the money in the Attleborough in leaf fund. **Action Cllr Thomas**

84/13 ALLOTMENTS (Agenda Item 7)

Cllr S Taylor explained that hedges had been purchased which were well within budget just over £100 the hedges were planted in the cemetery and also at the allotments. While at the allotments to sort out placing the new hedging it was noticed that there was a lot of rubbish about the site. It was proposed by Cllr S Taylor and seconded by Cllr Pettitt to have a skip delivered for the allotment holder's rubbish. Cllr Pettitt to write to the allotment holders and notify them of what is happening and order the skip. **Action Cllr Pettitt**

It was agreed by the committee to order 2 no dogs allowed signs to go up at the allotment A4 size on metal **Action Cllr Pettitt**

85/13 NOTICE BOARD (Agenda item 8)

It was agreed that Cllr S Taylor would liaise with Adrian and show him where to site the notice board. **Action Cllr S Taylor**

86/13 CEMETERY (Agenda item 9)

Cllr S Taylor explained that we need to get moving on the new section of the cemetery there is a lot of rubbish mixed with the top soil on the new section Cllr J Taylor to contact details for contractor to remove the rubbish. **Action Cllr J Taylor**

Cllr S Taylor reported that the new hedging had been planted she also informed Councillors that we need to plant more shrubs to help sustain the bank on the new section Cllr Crouch to get prices of shrubs. **Action Cllr S Taylor and Cllr Crouch.**

87/13 OPEN SPACE MACHINERY (Agenda item 10)

Cllr S Taylor reported that the grass cutter need the blades sharpened three quotes had been received

Thurlow Nunn £640/00 plus VAT = £798.31

Ben Burgess £564.30 plus VAT = £677.17

Breckland Mowers £585.00 including VAT

It was proposed by Cllr Pettitt and Seconded by Cllr Ellis to accept Breckland Mowers quote all agreed. **Action Cllr Pettitt**

88/13 STREET LIGHT (Agenda item 11)

Council have been notified that a street light on London Road by Whitehouse Lane had been removed. The quote for works was not clear so it was agreed to put this to full Council and Cllr Pettitt to investigate and get more information for the full council meeting on 10th March 2014.

89/13 NEXT MEETING (Agenda Item 12)

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on **Monday 24th March 2014** at **7.00 p.m.**

The meeting closed at 8:52 p.m.

Chair:

Date: