



ATTLEBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee
Held on Monday, 19 February 2018 at 6.00pm in the Town Hall**

Present:

Cllr T Crouch – presiding
Cllr J Burton Cllr V Dale Cllr S Taylor
Cllr T Taylor Cllr J Ellis
In attendance – Gina Lopes – Clerk to Attleborough Town Council
Anne Willett – Clerk's Assistant (minute taker)
Dist. Cllr K Martin, Dist. Cllr T Ashby
10 x public

EN033.17) Apologies for absence

None received as all members present

EN034.17) Declarations of Interest in items below

- 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

EN035.17) Public Participation

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned to allow the public to speak –
Please see “Public Participation Notes” attached.

EN036.17) Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 20 November 2017

The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday, 20 November 2017 were noted.

EN037.17) Spring Planters

- Cllr Crouch reported that some planters need to be re-positioned prior to road traffic works due to take place in Surrogate Street.
- It was requested that the Clerk obtain prices for smaller, lighter hanging baskets and to look at standards for railings with four baskets on each.
- Hedgerows at Gaymers to be infilled with more hedging.

ACTION: Clerk

EN038.17) Review of Exclusive Rights Fees

A short discussion took place; points included:

- A local Funeral Director had queried charges for two Exclusive Rights for a double grave. The Clerk advised that she had received confirmation from ICCM that fees may be at the Council's discretion.

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

RESOLVED that Exclusive Right fees are to remain unchanged and a double grave will be charged for two exclusive right fees

ACTION: Clerk

EN039.17) Fireworks Update

An email containing advice from the Town Council's insurance company was circulated and short discussion took place; points raised included:

- If the display is handled by the Fun Fest Team then they would have to accept all liability and the Town Council need to receive copies of Public Liability Insurance, Risk Assessment and all relevant paperwork pertaining to a Firework Display event. Any funding towards the cost of the fireworks would be by donation from the Town Council and a financial breakdown and copy of the invoice to be requested.
- The Clerk queried if alternative quotes had been sought
- Cllr Burton advised he had been invited to a meeting of the Fun Fest Team on Tuesday, 20 February, and suggested other members may wish to attend

ACTION: Clerk

EN040.17) Disabled Access to Gaymers Meadow

Following consideration of photograph of resident on mobility scooter a short discussion took place; points included:

- As Gaymers meadow is a field, access during this time of year is likely to be problematic, especially if designated access is not used.
- The Meadow is an open space and there is no formal (surfaced) path
- Grounds staff are putting down sand to improve the muddy entrances; a suggested option was to consider alternative surfacing such as rubber matting.
- The Clerk has contacted the Football Club and asked them to consider resolving the drainage of surface water from their mobile unit directly onto the field.

On the motion of Cllr Dale, seconded by Cllr S Taylor, it was

RESOLVED to have a meeting on site with the Groundsmen, the Clerk and interested Environment Meeting Committee Members to discuss the horticultural management of Gaymers Meadow.

ACTION: Clerk/All Cllrs

b) Resident's comments re: New Signage – noted for information

The Mayor stated that compromise and tolerance between the Footballers and dog owners is needed.

The meeting closed at 6.40 pm

Public Participation Notes:

The Chairman invited members of the Public to speak and points raised included the following:

- Resident commented shift workers are still parking at Gaymers car park causing a nuisance during middle of night and enquired about putting a gate across entrance - a consultation regarding possible night closure of the area is planned
- The Town Council is awaiting legal advice regarding possible parking restrictions and a letter will be sent to Banham Poultry and some members attend their meetings
- Resident queried the planned parking restrictions on Queen's Square car park – confirmed that this area is owned by Breckland District Council and the parking restrictions will be implemented later this year.
- Reference made to the difficulty of access for a disabled user and noted as on the agenda
- Resident enquired if there were plans to extend the football pitches from the Recreation Ground to Gaymers Meadow - Councillors responded as part of the future Masterplan there may be additional land allocated for football.
- A discussion followed about the pitch within the running track being used for football and nine different age groups playing football.
- A football club member reported good communication taking place between the football club and responsible dog walkers to resolve any issues