



ATTLEBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee
Held on Monday, 18 June 2018 at 6.10 pm in the Town Hall**

Present:

Cllr T Crouch – presiding
Cllr B Bulmer Cllr V Dale Cllr S Taylor Cllr T Taylor
In attendance – Gina Lopes – Clerk to Attleborough Town Council
Trisha Drewery – Admin Assistant (minute taker)
6 x public

EN010.18) Apologies for absence

Cllr R Bond - Work Commitments
Further apologies noted from Dist. Cllr K Martin.

EN011.18) 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

EN012.18) Public Participation

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

EN013.18) Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 21 May 2018

The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday, 21 May 2018 were noted.

EN014.18 Groundsmen Maintenance Equipment Quotations

- i. Works Van; Purchase/Lease Hire

Following a short discussion, on the motion of Cllr Dale, seconded by Cllr Crouch, it was

RESOLVED to purchase the existing works van at a cost of £12,850.00.

ACTION: Clerk

- ii. Ride on Mower

A short discussion took place, on the motion of Cllr S Taylor, seconded by Cllr Dale it was

RESOLVED to allow the Clerk to use her discretion to allocate a budget for the purchase of a ride on mower in liaison with Cllr Crouch. Mr Barry Smart, Senior Groundsman could then advise on the most suitable machine within the allocated budget.

Action: Clerk

iii. Plant Trailer to Transport the Mini Digger

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

RESOLVED to purchase the Lfor Williams TT2515 Tipping Trailer at a cost of £3,000.00 from Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd.

Action: Clerk

EN015.18 Attleborough Athletics Academy

i. Request for Grant

A short discussion took place, points included:

- Members stated their support for the continuing expansion of the Athletics Academy. However, concerns were voiced about the intended use of javelins and discus on an open field where no real safety measures were implemented; as the field is used by residents for recreational purposes.
- The Attleborough Neighbourhood Plan outlines expansion to the Sports Facilities within the Town.
- A potential solution could be for the Athletics Academy to liaise with the Attleborough Academy to seek permission to allow use of their field as an interim period; until such facilities have been provided within the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Queries were raised as to whether the Town Council's Public Liability Insurance would cover the use of javelins and discus on the field; the Clerk was asked to investigate.
- It was suggested a grant could be approved on the condition that the Attleborough Athletics Coach understood approval of the grant does not mean Members agreed to the use of the equipment on the field.

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

RESOLVED to donate £250.00 to support the Attleborough Athletics Club.

ACTION: Clerk

ii. Siting of Portacabin

- The Attleborough Athletics Coach informed Members he has cancelled the planned purchase of the portacabin as he had been told by an individual Councillor that he could not place a portacabin due to covenants on the Meadow. However, he is hopeful he can reach an agreement with the Football Club for use of their facilities.
- Cllr Dale and the Clerk have spoken to the Breckland Officer who is prepared to attend a joint meeting with the Football Club on behalf of the Athletics Academy to seek a solution.
- It was noted the date for the planned meeting with the Football Club, Athletics Academy and Town Council to discuss available facilities is being progressed, agreement of the date has been delayed due to busy diaries and holidays.

ACTION: Clerk

EN016.18 Correspondence – for consideration

a) Residents email; Skatepark Improvements

This item was deferred until the next meeting as the resident, nor his associates attended the meeting in support of their suggestions for skatepark improvements. In the interim the Clerk will research other skateparks for comparison/costings.

Action: Clerk

b) Request to allow Bunting on Queens Square

- Permission was given to allow Bunting on Queens Square during the time of the Town Carnival.

- Cllr S Taylor stated if the Carnival Organiser's provide a banner she would allow this to be placed on the side of her business premises to promote the Town Carnival.

ACTION: Clerk

c) Request for Meeting re: Gaymers Meadow Access

- Councillors informed the resident who has been complaining about issues regarding access that they will agree to an informal meeting with the resident experiencing access issues, Committee Members and the Clerk.

ACTION: Clerk

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm

Public Participation Notes:

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

- The Athletics Academy Coach spoke of his grant application for £1,500; asking Members for their support, stating the funds are for much needed sports equipment for students to undertake activities which they currently lack. Queries were raised by Members as to the how the safe use of javelins and discus would be managed. The Coach responded the field would be 'roped' as markers for students not to cross into during these activity sessions; however, he could not accept responsibility for dogs roaming into the area.
- Resident spoke of her continuing communication and attendance at Town Council meetings regarding access issues to Gaymers Meadow. Another elderly resident stated she used to come around the top to meet up with her friends; that on some occasions the field is too bumpy and too muddy for her to access on her mobility scooter. Councillors responded their intent to arrange an informal meeting at Gaymers Meadow with the resident experiencing the access issues; contact details were taken to enable this to progress.