



## ATTLEBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

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### ATTLEBOROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Attleborough Neighbourhood Plan Committee  
Held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7pm in the Town Hall

#### Present:

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|               | Cllr E Tyrer – presiding |               |
| Cllr P Leslie | Cllr V Dale              | Cllr A Westby |
| Cllr J Ellis  | Dist. Cllr Ashby         | E Burrows     |

In attendance - Anne Willett – Clerks Assistant (minute taker)  
2 x members of public

#### 066.21) Apologies for absence

Cllr Taylor – prior commitment  
Cllr Grave – prior commitment  
M Ridgway – prior commitment

#### 067.21) Declarations of Interest

a) Declarations of interest received: - None received  
b) To receive any requests for dispensation of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest -  
None received.

#### 068.21) Resident's Questions – None received

Member of public raised what progress had been made on the suggestion of a Town Trail?  
This had been initiated by Breckland and not much had happened Dist. Cllr Ashby offered to chase. Also raised Decoy Common which would be addressed under item 5c) together with London Road Play area under item 5d). When would the new Town Council website be available? Should be available for Cllrs to look at in approx. four weeks. Any update on Library? Cllr Leslie stated NCC would not be selling site, it would continue to be used as a long term storage site for books but Town Council, Breckland Council and Norfolk County Council are all keen to use as a Community site.

#### 069.21) Minutes of the Attleborough Neighbourhood Plan Committee Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 –

On the motion of Cllr Leslie, seconded by Cllr Dale, it was,  
**RESOLVED** to accept and approve the minutes of the Attleborough Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**070.21) ANP Projects**

a) Car Park Strategy

- Cllr Tyrer drafting a brief for agreement which will run in parallel with proposed car parking charges at Queens Square. A question was raised how the car parking strategy would be implemented given the problems with parking around Rose Croft School. Cllr Leslie informed there had been progress made through meetings with NCC and with the support of Breckland Council and Cllr Oliver, a drop off zone inside the school would probably open in the new term after summer holidays. Cllr Leslie and Cllr Oliver would be addressing NCC Cabinet on 2<sup>nd</sup> August on this matter. There are several other car parking issues that need to be resolved in order to move projects forward.

**ACTION: ET/PL/RO**

b) Local Market

- Cllr Leslie apologised on behalf of Cllr Taylor who would get the proposal ready for the next meeting. There had been a lot of positive feedback and enthusiasm for a themed Saturday market, possibly monthly with a rotating theme which would be supplementary to the Thursday market. A lot of interest had been shown with information still being collated to enable an evidence based proposal being presented.

**ACTION:TT**

c) Decoy Common

- S106 application had been submitted and in negotiations with Breckland. Several discussions had taken place with Wildlife Trust and Environment Agency both keen to get involved. Although we are looking at access project, Decoy Common project is part of green infrastructure strategy and part of Linear Park. Concerns were raised not much progress had been made with Linear Park, Cllr Tyrer explained that all previous hard work would be put to use. The next step would be to have conversations with Homes England and these would be arranged.
- It was suggested to make better use of Decoy Common now for the Community by promoting where it is situated. The access, parking and upkeep needs to be improved to encourage people to visit and revisit. Cllr Dale would follow up signs to let people know where to find Decoy Common, Gaymers Meadow, Recreation Ground etc. and find out about incorporating signs into a Town Trail plan. The new website would be able to post information about what facilities we have to offer.

**ACTION: VD**

d) London Road Park

- General opinion was the need for action. The consultation that had taken place had been regarded as inadequate, the proposals received were £160,000 twice the amount of money available from S106 around £80,000. Equipment that didn't conform to the consultation would have been provided by the same person who had carried it out. It was suggested to allow four weeks for an alternative consultation with a proposal brought to Council within two months. We are also looking at communication, engagement, involvement and ownership, an editor is required for social media to produce a quarterly update and a monthly update for ANP. Cllr Lane volunteered for this and was accepted.

**ACTION: ET/PL/DL**

e) The Recreation Ground

- The vision is to have our own "Eaton Park" for the Town, we want to address all the green spaces in preparation for the Linear Park. Somewhere with toilet facilities, parking, picnic area, a safe wet play area and upgraded children's play area. We want to engage with the Academy and other Community groups to create an area people can enjoy. We would need to find an alternative site for the football club and talks would need to take place

with Ptarmigan and Homes England about available land for AstroTurf pitches. That is in the future and maybe years away but right now we can provide a new concrete skate park possibly within twelve months.

**ACTION: ET/PL**

f) Park/Green Space Strategy

- The next project we have earmarked is Gaymers meadow. We have some budget and we want to make it count. It would be nice to commemorate the Jubilee next year on the Recreation ground as a permanent memorial to our Queen.
- We need to have discussions around 20 Minute Town Concept the TCPA (Town and Country Planning Association) are keen to work with us, they have all the key stakeholders, Sports England, Environment Agencies, chief designers, planners, architects, they are happy to come to Attleborough to do presentations, workshops. It is tapping into what is already out there but this committee would need to give the go ahead.

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

**RESOLVED** Cllr Tyrer would arrange possible dates for these to take place.

**ACTION: ET**

**071.21) Any Other Business –**

There had been a request for urgently needed money towards the feasibility study for the new Sports Centre. Town Council had applied for S106 money £21,500 for Decoy Common, Breckland have also put an application in for the same amount which they have earmarked for the feasibility study. Breckland have asked if they award the S106 money for Decoy could the Town Council give the same amount of money towards the feasibility study. It was queried what percentage of the study cost would ATC be contributing to? That is not known but would be asked. It was queried that by contributing money towards feasibility study may not necessarily allow ATC any influence or say in the study.

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

**RESOLVED** in principle to support indoor sports centre feasibility study £21,500 subject to agreements with Breckland Council. Report back at next ANP meeting once answers had been received regarding what percentage being paid, what influence could we obtain, are there any conditions we are able to request and approve, this will form a report and a proposal ready for next meeting, we are asking in principle an agreement that we can continue those conversations to get that information.

**072.21) Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August 7pm

Meeting closed at 9.25pm