



Attleborough Town Council

Historic Market Town in the Heart of Norfolk

**Minutes of the meeting of the Attleborough Town Council
Environment Committee
Held on Monday 17th October 2022 at 7.00 pm
Held at the Town Hall, Queens Square.**

Present:

Cllr S Mackinnon - presiding
Cllr P Leslie, Cllr A Westby, Cllr J Ellis, Cllr D Lane, Cllr R Bond
Cllr T Taylor, Cllr P Wenham, Cllr R Redfern, Cllr A Smith
In attendance – Anne Willett – Clerk's Assistant
Amelia and her assistance dog Fang

056.22 Chairman Welcome

Cllr Mackinnon welcomes everyone and opens the meeting

057.22) Apologies for absence –

Cllr Dale

058.22) Declarations of Interest

a) To receive and consider declarations of interest in items below – None received

b) To receive and consider dispensations in respect of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests –
None received

059.22) Public Participation –

- Chairman, Cllr Mackinnon informed members of a situation at Gaymers car park which had been brought to notice earlier that day by Ground staff and a residents' email. Three parked cars showed signs of persons sleeping in their vehicles overnight, resulting in large amounts of food rubbish being left around the area. Cllr Taylor suggested and it was agreed to report to Breckland Council.
- London Road play area was queried but Cllr Leslie had already spoken to the resident.

060.22) Minutes of the Environment Committee 15th August 2022

On the motion of Cllr Bond, seconded by Cllr Lane, it was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting on 15th August 2022.

ACTION: CLERK

061.22) Safety concerns for people with assistance dogs –

Chairman, Cllr Mackinnon introduced Amelia and her assistance dog Fang to members and went on to discuss some safety concerns that had been brought to their attention by Amelia.

- Fallen leaves on the pavements around St Marys Church particularly Surrogate Street
- A Boards on pavements placed in a position causing problems or obstructions
- Entrance to New North Road from Connaught Road very difficult to cross in general but particularly with an assistance dog.
- Areas in the Town where there are overgrown hedges impeding the pathways.
- Cars parked on pavements
- Mobility scooters, bicycles on pavements and pavement blocking in general
- Dog waste left on pavement very unpleasant for visually impaired using a white cane

After further discussion it was agreed to report to Norfolk County Council Highways the above where appropriate. Chairman Cllr Mackinnon suggested she would be willing to visit the high street with a softly, softly approach regarding A Boards.

On the motion of Cllr Wenham, seconded by Cllr Lane, it was

RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow Amelia to speak

Amelia suggested to get her points across to people it may be helpful to place an article in a newsletter but written from Fangs point of view to explain the challenges he has to face on a daily basis.

062.22) Town Welcome to Attleborough Signs –

a) To confirm locations – place a sign off A11 by Breckland Lodge, a sign from Old Buckenham at Bunns Bank, a sign on Norwich Road by Decoy Common and a sign off A11 down to traffic lights onto Queens Road, left side but locations maybe subject to change.

b) On the motion of Cllr Lane, seconded by Cllr Bond, it was

RESOLVED for Clerk to obtain three quotes for signs in each size 1.2m and 1.5m

ACTION: CLERK

063.22) Update on Rodents Grosvenor Park

The pest control company are no longer employed as expensive and not that successful. The rats are an ongoing problem due to the chickens and composting bins. As agreed the Town Clerk will investigate the Grounds staff doing a Pest Control course to enable them to deal with the problem.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

064.22) Railings and Bus Shelters update

A meeting had taken place with a Reparation Worker from Norfolk Youth Justice Service and he confirmed on receiving our Risk Assessment he will put a plan in place for painting Queens Square railings. Bus shelters have received attention.

ACTION: CLERK

065.22) Wildflowers at Gaymers - Briefing by Cllr Taylor and Poppies at Decoy Update –

Cllr Taylor explained due to no meeting in September the season is not right at the moment but potentially looking at March for sowing. The two choices for Gaymers are either native grass or native grass mixed with wild flowers. Grass and wild flower mix for 1 acre you would need 10 kilos @ £43 per kilo, just wild flower you would need 2 kilos an acre @ £166 my preferred provider would be a company called Cotswold, they provide lots of options for different soil types. For the Poppies it would cost £130 per kilo. It was decided to readdress this at January 2023 Environment meeting and ask the Grounds team with the help of Cllr

Taylor to assess the soil type at Gaymers. There is money left in the budget from Ground works improvements. Cllr Wenham will use a soil test kit for Gaymers and Cllr Westby will confirm area at Decoy Common from topographical research. Chairman, Cllr Mackinnon thanked Cllr Taylor for her research.

ACTION: TT/PW/AW/GROUNDS STAFF

066.22) Muddy conditions at dog walking area London Road

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

RESOLVED – Grounds staff to carry out work and use natural granite

ACTION: CLERK/GROUNDS STAFF

067.22) Jubilee Wood Update –

Some confusion regarding timescale on acquiring land behind cemetery maybe able to announce in next newsletter February 2023

068.22) Erection of Angled Flag Poles –

After investigation found these can be troublesome so find alternative i.e. lampposts

069.22) Footpath behind Lidl –

Find out who owns the footpath and contact them to maintain it

070.22) Correspondence – None received

Meeting closed 8.25pm