LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LANDS & PARKS COMMITTEE 21ST SEPTEMBER 2010

PRESENT Councillors Mrs. P. Jarrett (chair), C.L. Jewels, Hon. Burgess A.W. Nicholls, D.L. Parsons, Mrs. G.M. Parsons, P. Watkins.

IN ATTENDANCE Town Clerk Mrs. L. Austen

<u>APOLOGIES</u> were received and accepted from The Worshipful The Mayor Cllr. V.A. May and Honoured Burgess Cllr. R.H.T. Peareth.

There were no declarations of interest.

1. **Dog notices.** Notices regarding the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 fixed penalty notices for not cleaning up after dogs will be placed at various locations around the Town.

2. **Trees.**

Park Road. Quotation received in the sum of £400. Proposed Cllr. Nicholls and seconded Cllr. Watkins that we accept this quote and ask Mr. Heyward to proceed as soon as possible. All in favour.

Poldu Woods. A quotation will be obtained and if it is under £1,000 Mr. Heyward will be instructed to proceed. If it is more than £1,000 it will be referred to the next meeting. Proposed Cllr. Watkins. Seconded Cllr. Jarrett. All in favour. On the opposite side of the road there are overhanging trees and this will be brought to the attention of Highways to see if they can be cut back.

- 3. **Bench.** A request for a memorial bench has been received to be placed either on Liddicoat Road near Collamere or at Cott Road near the bus stop. Either location would be acceptable to us, and the family will be contacted to ascertain their preference and to enquire as to purchase and fitting of the bench.
- 4. **Salt Bins.** Cornwall Council is intending to remove all salt bins which are presently sited on existing precautionary salting routes. They are willing to re-locate bins. The one they are proposing to remove is on Bodmin Hill and a letter will be sent objecting to this and pointing out that it is near the School on a steep hill and salting is needed for the pathways.

5. Allotments.

Sharing of plot. Tenant of a large plot wish to bring in a friend to manage it with them. This was approved. A letter will be sent giving approval. The Agreement and payment requirements will remain with the tenant.

Payments update not yet available.

Eviction notices. Several tenants are not maintaining their allotments to a satisfactory standard. Letters will be sent giving 30 days to put matters right or the tenancy will be terminated and a charge made for putting the plot in good order.

Cutting back tree lines. Overhanging trees are putting some plots in the shade and need cutting back. It was proposed by Cllr. Watkins and seconded by Cllr. Jarrett that this work should be carried out immediately if a quotation up to ± 500 can be obtained. If the quotation is higher then it will be referred to the next meeting. Cllr. Jarrett will obtain the quotation. All in favour.

Asbestos removal from Bodmin Hill plots. This needs wrapping and arrangements made for it to go to the tip. Cllr. Watkins will deal.

6. **KGV.**

The small gate next to the main gates has been removed. This needs to be replaced as soon as possible. Cllr. Watkins will obtain quotes in time for the next Council meeting.

Ditch has been cleared.

Junior Football Club has contacted Cllr. Jarrett to see if there could be any concessions in the charge for using the pitch. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that she has been in communication with the manager and reminded him that they have an Agreement which must be kept to. The charge per use for the Junior and Adult teams is already discounted compared to other users.

7. **Coulson Park Shelter.** This has been vandalised and needs a lot of work doing to bring it back to a satisfactory standard. Cllr. Watkins will look at it.

There was no correspondence to be discussed.

8. **Cemetery Trees.** The first tree in the cemetery will be removed and a plan will be made to deal with the rest. Councillors Mr. & Mrs. Parsons will speak to the relevant people.

9. **Any Other Business – for information only.**

- Sign for Cemetery. The Mayor will be asked if anything has been done.
- War Memorial. Some of the pointing needs to be re-done. Cllr. Watkins will obtain quotes. The lettering also needs dealing with and Cllr. Nicholls will do this.
- Otter need to go back in Second Island. Cllr. Watkins will deal.
- Parade needs spraying.
- Base of trees in Coulson Park need strimming.
- Weeding needs doing throughout the Town.
- Memorial Bush on Liddicoat Road is blocking the view of anyone turning out of the milk factory site. The family will be contacted.
- The bank on queen street was cleared out years ago but never repointed and now has things growing out of it which could weaken the structure. Cllr. Shakerley will be asked for his advice.

- At the June meeting it was agreed to accept a quote in the sum of £1,200 to re-lay the path around Second Island and the Mayor was to contact the contractor. The Mayor will be asked what the current situation is.
- Information Boards by Drill Hall and in Car Park need replacing and it was suggested that the Forum could perhaps help.
- 10. **Date of next meeting** Tuesday 19th October at 7.30p.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05p.m.