

LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL
LANDS AND PARKS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 19TH JULY 2011

Present: Cllrs G Parsons; D Parsons; Jarrett; Jewels; Pegg; Honoured Burgesses Nicholls & Peareth.

1/ (07/11) Apologies. Were received from Cllr May.

2/ (02/11) Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Pegg 7/ (07/11) Allotments

3/ (07/11) Llama (update) (ingress onto cemetery, castle Hill) . Honoured burgesses Nicholls & Peareth visited a solicitor office in Bodmin, regarding keeping foreign stock off ones land. After discussing the matter the solicitor offered to write a letter to the owner of the Llama (for a fee); alternatively he offered to act as a mediator in the dispute (for a fee). Also advised us to look at our deeds to see if there is any reference to fencing off our land. Another alternative suggested was to fence our cemetery perimeter – thus problem solved.

It was agreed on the following actions .A) to obtain two written quotes for cost of fencing cemetery perimeter; Cllr Jarrett to enquire.

B) Write a letter to owner of Llama and land at fault. Cllr Pegg to action.

C) Ask implications from Mr Veerman (grass cutting contractor) estimated costs of cutting around perimeter fence should one be constructed. Cllr Jarrett to investigate.

4/ (07/11) General maintenance and up keep.

a) Boats and trailers on quay (by entrance to Coulson Park). There are a considerable number of neglected boats and trailers around this area causing an eyesore and unsightly mess. After some discussion it was agreed for Cllr Jarrett to write a letter for inclusion in the LCA newsletter along with a press release in local newspaper along with individual letters on boats at this location stating that as from the end of this summer season ; that as from the end of November 2011 all boats and trailers to be removed from this site , adding that as from February 2012 any future boats and trailers on this site must obtain a permit (priced at £1 each) from Lostwithiel Town council as owners of this land to place any boats / or trailers from February through to November at this area. With a proviso that in future year's all boats and trailers must be removed twixt December to January. Any remaining will assumed to be abandoned, removed and recycled or disposed of.

Also honoured Burgess Cllr Peareth to install more rail bars over the coming winter for future permitted boats to tie up to.

Proposed Cllr G.Parsons; seconded Cllr Jewels. All in favour.

b) Cars under Railway Bridge. (entrance to Coulson park area) There are two abandoned Volvo estate cars (untaxed) underneath the railway bridge. After enquiries made by honoured burgess Cllr Peareth to the railway authorities, they confirmed (verbally) that they are not owners of this land underneath their bridges; therefore ipso facto it forms part of Coulson Park which belongs to the town. After some discussion it was agreed to write a letter (which Cllr Pegg will draft) to the Railway police to investigate these abandoned vehicles and this potential fire risk. Depending on their response see what action the

town council will take. Concurrently Cllr Jarrett will enquire that the 'SORN' requirements for these cars does apply to vehicles on private land.

Proposed Cllr G.Parsons; seconded honoured burgess Cllr Peareth. All in favour.

- c) [1] Bank grass cutting (Quay street river bank) The grassed area by the riverbank is overgrown. It was agreed for the town council to cut now if the EA are not going to fulfil their promise to cut it. It was also agreed to in future years do two cuts per annum (April & August). Cllr Jarrett to contact EA and also to enquire from Mr Veerman (grass cutting contractor) the cost of two cuts per annum along the riverbank on all of Quay Street.
[2] King George V recreation field river bank. The grassed area by the riverbank is overgrown It was agreed to cut now if the EA are not going to fulfil their promise to cut it. It was also agreed to in future years do two cuts per annum (April & August). Cllr Jarrett to contact EA and also to enquire from Mr Veerman the cost of two cuts per annum
[3] Beach area and island abutting medieval bridge (South side). Areas of Himalayan balsam to be removed by Brian (Town man) and burnt. Also grass needs cutting to be included in the task
- d) Seats by bus shelter (both sides of Liddicoat Road) apparently they look awful and need rejuvenating. It was agreed for Brian (Town Man) to carry out painting and renovation.
- e) Memorial garden seats (Parade) wood replacement working party. Cllr Jarrett volunteered to carry our remedial work.
- f) Town Seats maintenance (all of them) including the picnic benches (all of them) a comprehensive list of wooden seats maintained by the town council were agreed by this committee to be renovated by wire brushing and subsequent teak oiled. Ditto the picnic benches at Shirehall moor; second island & medieval bridge beach area.
- g) Island grass cutting. Dealt with under 4/ (07/11) [c] {3} above.
- h) Slipway rock (Boat slipway access medieval bridge, Parade) honoured Burgess Cllr Peareth will investigate loose boulder and instruct town Man to re-cement into place.

5/ (07/11) Equipment purchase and siting.

- a) Dog bin, Victoria. After a brief explanation on what this was about, it was agreed to purchase and install a dog bin at the bottom of Couchwell lane. Cllr Jarrett to liaise with town clerk on purchase. Discussion ensued regarding the SERCO contract which obliges their staff to empty the dog bins on a weekly basis. It was agreed that all committee will closely monitor dog bins to observe any overflow problems. This matter to be discussed at next meeting.
- b) Bin Coulson Park. After a brief discussion to explain. It was agreed to purchase a general purpose bin at the entrance to Coulson Park. It was also agreed to enquire whether the Co-op will offer to purchase a bin for placing outside their premises. Cllr D.Parsons to investigate.
Regarding above items of purchase. Proposed Cllr G.Parsons; seconded Cllr D.Parsons; all in favour.
- c) Picnic table beach (situated south side of Medieval bridge) It was agreed to replace the recently departed dilapidated picnic bench. Cllr Pegg will request that Terry Pengelly to quote and carry out this work providing it costs less than £275 including installation.

6/ (07/11) KGV gate (King George V recreation field, gate at Pleyber Christ way entrance). It was confirmed a temporary gate was in situ. Honoured burgess Cllr Peareth has job in hand for fitting appropriate gate. To be discussed again t next meeting.

7/ (07/11) Allotments

- a) TH4, refers to Terras hill allotment, current tenant is objecting about his rental of £50 per annum, after a brief and interesting discussion it was agreed that he should pay up or relinquish his tenancy. Proposed Cllr G.Parsons; seconded Cllr Jewels, all in favour. Cllr Jarrett to action.
- b) Theft (refers to allotment adjacent to cemetery, Castle Hill). It would appear that a 'flat pack' shed yet to be erected was recently stolen. After some discussion it was agreed to purchase two padlocks and sufficient keys (seventeen and ten respectively) and subsequently furnish a lock on the gates at Castle hill and Milltown road allotment entrances.
Proposed Honoured burgess cllr Peareth; seconded Cllr G.Parsons; all in favour.

8/ (07/11) Cemetery (Castle Hill) Tidying up is still being carried out in respect of memorial tree removal. Honoured burgess Cllr Peareth will continue to pursue this vigorously.

9/ (07/11) Tree Poldew Woods. Recently a substantial branch came down onto the highway which needed to be removed along with other drastic topiary as a matter of urgency. Honoured burgess cllr Peareth arranged for this work which was carried out by Mr D. Haywood (a qualified and experienced contractor). Costs were in total £300. It was agreed by this committee in retrospect to approve this payment.

10/ (07/11) Coulson Park (Geese). Letter received regarding Geese in Coulson Park. It would appear the three long established owned escapees are aggressive to dogs and their walkers to such an extent that there is a risk to someone being severely injured by their behavioural activities. This is being looked into.

11/ (07/11) Any Other Business.

- a) Council owned and maintained Boardwalk under A390 Bridge. Damaged floor planks by local vandals. Brian (Town Man) will be asked to repair. Cllr Jarrett to commission work.
- b) Lime trees, Bodmin hill wastrel land. Rampant epicormic growth needs urgent remedy. A written quotation is being requested from Mr. Veerman.
- c) Overgrown hedges on sides of wastrel, Bodmin hill. A verbal quote of £280 has been received to carry out works to remove overgrowth.
It was proposed by Cllr Jarrett; seconded by Cllr D. Parsons that we approve both the above payments for this work. All in favour. **** Decision to be deferred to next meeting as this proposed expenditure was not listed on the agenda*
- d) King George V rent. There was some ambiguity as to the rent we would charge for use of this field. Members were reminded that the usual fee was £50 per day.
- e) Unsightly accumulation of refuse at Scout Hut, Cattle Market car park. This long term ongoing deposit of unsightly rubbish at this important town centre location was discussed. Honoured burgess Cllr Peareth reported that most had now been removed and he would endeavour to have this area spotlessly clean in the very, very near future.

12/ (07/11) Date and time of next meeting. It was agreed to cancel the scheduled August meeting and to reconvene on the third Tuesday in September (20th) as per normal. Meeting closed at 2131.