

Lostwithiel Town Council – Land & Parks Committee Meeting

Tuesday 15 November 2011

A Meeting of the Town Council's Land & Parks Committee was held in the Town Clerk's Office on Tuesday 15 November 2011.

Councillors present

Committee Chairman Councillor Mrs P Jarrett presiding

Councillors C Jewels, V May, A W Nicholls, Mrs G Parsons, D Parsons, R Peareth & J Pegg.

In attendance

Town Clerk Sandra Harris

No members of the public were in attendance

LP278/11PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

LP279/11APOLOGIES

None

LP280/11DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Peareth declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 14 Parade tidying the area and digging out the flowers.

LP281/11COULSON PARK GEESE

Councillor May advised the meeting that so far it has proved impossible to catch the geese. Councillor May has contacted the RSPCA and will speak to a local vet. The clerk was instructed to seek advice from Cornwall Council.

LP282/11CARS UNDER RAILWAY BRIDGE – TO FURTHER DISCUSS

It was decided that it is not going to be possible for a digger to gain access to Coulson Park to remove the shelter unless these vehicles are removed. The clerk was instructed to write to the vehicle owner to ask if they can be removed. However, the clerk was also instructed to obtain advice to establish if the Town Council has the power to tow the vehicles after a period of notice and if so to incorporate this into the letter.

LP283/11SKATEBOARD RAMP – TO DISCUSS AREA

The Committee was advised that arrangements are being made to draw up architect plans for the concrete skateboard ramp. The Council has previously met and agreed a 10metres by 25metres area and now needs to confirm the exact area on a map.

LP284/11TREE INSPECTION – TO DISCUSS THE EMAIL FROM WPS

After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Councillor Pegg and seconded by Councillor Jarrett that the clerk is instructed to ask Ian Davies from Cornwall Council if he will conduct a tree survey for Lostwithiel Town Council. The clerk is instructed to check if any fee is payable and to ensure that all trees are inspected in the following locations:-

Parade, Coulson Park, KGV, Shire Moor, Mandalay, Poldu Woods, Bodmin Hill, Allotments, Cemetery, Second Island, Bridge Island, Quay Street, Park Road and the boat hospital.

This proposal received the support of the Committee.

LP285/11CEMETERY - TO DISCUSS THE FENCING AND HEADSTONES

Committee Chairman Councillor Jarrett advised that she is shortly to arrange a meeting with the contractor to discuss on site the Llama fencing.

It was decided that the Committee would recommend to Council that it includes in Cemetery fees schedule that all plaques on graves must be positioned flat and flush with the existing headstone. The clerk advised the Committee that with effect from 1 April VAT changes are to be introduced regarding memorials. It was decided that in light of this and the recommended amendment it would be a good idea to look at the schedule of Burial fees and the clerk was instructed to research fees levied by other Town & Parish Councils and to provide copies of the research to Committee members.

LP286/11TAPRELL HOUSE – LIBRARY & CHAPEL WEEDS

The Committee was advised that complaints have been received regarding the weeds. It was decided that Councillors would pull up the weeds on Saturday morning from 9am. It was proposed by Councillor Jarrett and seconded by Councillor Pegg that Councillor May on behalf of the Council buys some weedkiller for the area. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

LP287/11MALTHOUSE LANE - SWEEPING

It was decided by the Committee to defer this agenda item to next month's meeting to allow Councillors the opportunity to inspect the ivy.

LP288/11PLAYING FIELD – TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE POST AND NETTING REPAIRS

It was decided by the Committee to defer this agenda item to next month's meeting.

LP289/11TERRACE HILL ALLOTMENTS

It was decided by the Committee to defer this agenda item to next month's meeting. The clerk was instructed to have the tenancy agreements for the Terrace Hill allotments available for inspection at this meeting and to check if any rental payments are outstanding.

LP290/11LIDDICOAT ROAD – CAMELLIA BUSH

It was proposed by Councillor Jarrett and seconded by Councillor Pegg that the clerk is instructed to report that the bush is obscuring road user visibility to Cornwall Council Highways.

LP291/11PARADE – TO DISCUSS TIDYING THE AREA AND DIGGING OUT THE FLOWERS

It was proposed by Councillor Jarrett and seconded by Councillor May that the Council asks a gardener for a quote to clean up the area. The quotation submitted should include a full breakdown of the works to be undertaken. Councillor Jarrett advised that she would contact Lostwithiel in Bloom to advise them that the Council is going to have the area tidied.

LP292/11PARK SEATS – TO DISCUSS TEAK OILING THE SEATS

Councillor May advised that he would mention it again to Rotary and provide them with a list of seats which needed oiling. It was proposed by Councillor Jarrett and seconded by Councillor Peareth that Councillor May on behalf of the Council buys some teak oil.

LP293/11MEMORIAL – MISSING STONES

It was decided that the gardener would be asked to incorporate the removal of the stones from the river back to the Memorial in his quotation to tidy the Parade area.

LP294/11A390 – OVERHANGING BRANCHES

The clerk was instructed to refer these branches to Cornwall Council Highways

LP295/11PADLOCKS – WALKWAY

Councillor Peareth confirmed that the walkway padlocks had been removed.

LP296/11ODD JOBS

It was decided that the Committee would ask the Finance and Staffing Committee to consider sanctioning cover for 'odd jobs'.

LP297/11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following issues were highlighted:-

Harbour Commissioners – Boat storage

Land registry – outstanding registrations

Flood Committee – Leaf litter last day 11 December 2011

Certificates to be designed & approved at next full Council

Moving planters

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman

Date