

Lostwithiel Town Council Land & Parks Committee Meeting

Tuesday 19 June 2012

A Meeting of the Town Council's Land & Parks Committee was held in the Guildhall on Tuesday 19 June 2012 at 7.30pm.

Councillors present

The Worshipful the Mayor of Lostwithiel Councillor Mrs G Parsons
Deputy Mayor Councillor Mrs P Jarrett, Honoured Burgess W Nicholls
Honoured Burgess R Peareth, Councillor D Parsons & Councillor J Pegg.

In attendance

Town Clerk Sandra Harris

Three members of the public were in attendance

LP072/12 ELECTION OF LAND & PARKS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Deputy Mayor Mrs P Jarrett and seconded by Councillor Parsons that Councillor Pegg is elected Chairman of the Lands & Parks Committee for the forthcoming year. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

LP073/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Council was addressed regarding agenda item 6a) the siting of a memorial tablet with no ashes.

LP074/12 APOLOGIES

None.

LP075/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

LP076/12 COMMITTEE REMIT

It was decided that the Committee would adhere to the Terms of Reference as prepared.

LP077/12 CEMETERY

a) It was proposed by Honoured Burgess Peareth and seconded by Deputy Mayor Councillor Mrs Jarrett that permission is granted for a memorial tablet to be sited in the memorial garden without ashes. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

b) The Committee discussed the report of subsidence in the Cemetery and considered that in this particular instance the headstone was probably erected on the grave too early. It was suggested that it should be specified in the Cemetery rules that headstone are not erected prior to the first anniversary of the burial. Honoured Burgess Nicholls advised that there is no health and safety risk with the headstone concerned and that he will contact the company who erected the headstone and ask that they adjust it.

c) It was proposed by Honoured Burgess Peareth and seconded by Mayor Mrs Parsons that permission is granted for the siting of a granite tablet flush to the existing headstone in a landscape orientation. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

d) The clerk read to the Committee the letter of complaint received regarding animals in the cemetery. The Committee instructed the clerk to reply to the resident to advise that the Council was taking all

available measures to prevent the ingress of animals into the cemetery and that the situation is being monitored very closely.

LP078/12 TREE INSPECTION

It was proposed by Deputy Mayor Mrs Jarrett and seconded by Honoured Burgess Peareth that Cornwall Council's quotation for £1662 plus VAT is accepted by Council and the clerk is authorised to sign the Service Level Agreement. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

LP079/12 WEED TREATMENT

It was proposed by Honoured Burgess Peareth and seconded by Honoured Burgess Nicholls that Lostwithiel Town Council does not enter into an agency agreement with Cornwall Council to treat the weeds outside Zone 1 of the Town. This proposal received the support of the Committee. With reference to the Cornwall Council map the clerk clarified that weed treatment in Zone 1 is the responsibility of Cornwall Council's contractors Cory Environmental.

It was then proposed by Deputy Mayor Mrs Jarrett and seconded by Honoured Burgess Peareth that the clerk is instructed to arrange for the clearance of the weeds outside the library by an approved contractor. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

LP080/12 CORNWALL COUNCIL LMP 2012/13

It was proposed by Deputy Mayor Mrs Jarrett and seconded by Honoured Burgess Peareth that Lostwithiel Town Council enters into the Local Maintenance Partnership with Cornwall Council on the basis of current classifications. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

It was further proposed by Deputy Mayor Mrs Jarrett and seconded by Honoured Burgess Peareth that the clerk is instructed to advertise for a contractor. This proposal also received the support of the Committee.

LP081/12 KING GEORGE V – REINSTATEMENT OF EARTH AREA

It was proposed by Deputy Mayor Jarrett and seconded by Councillor Parsons that the quotation of £260 plus VAT to reinstate and reseed the earth area is accepted. This proposal received the support of the Committee with 5 votes in favour and 1 against.

LP082/12 RoSPA – PLAY AREA REPORTS

The Council discussed each individual safety report and it was decided that a list of recommended repairs should be prepared and given further consideration at the July Land & Parks Committee meeting. It was proposed by Honoured Burgess Peareth and seconded by Deputy Mayor Mrs Jarrett that the Council uses the SLCC proforma and recommended frequencies for all playground inspections. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

The second report on the skate ramp was considered by Council. It was proposed by Councillor Parsons and seconded by Honoured Burgess Peareth that the skate ramp repairers are advised that the ramp will remain closed and that in the absence of repairs being brought up to the required standard the skate ramp will be removed by 14 July 2012. This proposal received the support of the Committee. It was reported to the meeting that some individuals have been tampering with the security fencing. It was proposed by Deputy Mayor Jarrett and seconded by Honoured Burgess Nicholls that the clerk is instructed to ask the contractor to refix the fencing. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

LP083/12 LITTER BINS

It was proposed by Deputy Mayor Mrs Jarrett and seconded by Councillor Parsons that the Council purchases an additional litter bin for the entrance to Coulson Park. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

LP084/12 FLAG POLE

It was proposed by the Mayor Mrs Parsons and seconded by Honoured Burgess Nicholls that the Council authorises the purchase and fixing of a 'rope eye' on the War Memorial flag pole. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

LP085/12 NEW SCULPTURE

It was proposed by Honoured Burgess Peareth and seconded by the Mayor Mrs Parsons that the picnic bench is re-sited to the other side of the path by the granite stone. This proposal received the support of the Committee. It was further proposed by Honoured Burgess Nicholls and seconded by Councillor Parsons that the Town Council arranges further public liability insurance for the sculpture at a maximum cost of £60. This proposal received the support of the Committee with 5 votes in favour and 1 against.

LP086/12 COULSON PARK

- a) It was proposed by Deputy Mayor Mrs Jarrett and seconded by Honoured Burgess Peareth that the Council obtains quotations for the levelling and re seeding of the former shelter area. This proposal received the support of the Committee.
- b) The clerk was instructed to ask Cornwall Council to prioritise Coulson Park trees in their report.
- c) It was proposed by Councillor Parsons and seconded by Honoured Burgess Peareth that Councillor Abbiss should be asked to prepare a job specification for the repairs to the Coulson Park children's play area fencing. This proposal received the support of the Committee.
- d) The clerk was instructed to obtain prices to clear the meandering path and picnic bench area.
- e) The Committee decided to defer this agenda item to next month to allow Councillors sufficient time to study the plans provided.

LP087/12 MEMORIAL GARDEN

The clerk was instructed to defer this agenda item to the July Lands & Parks Committee meeting.

LP088/12 BARBEQUES

The clerk was instructed to defer this agenda item to the July Lands & Parks Committee meeting.

LP089/12 GRASS CUTTING

The clerk was instructed to obtain a quotation to cut the river side of the quay wall and to check if the section of grass between Tanhouse Road and St Nicholas Park is listed on Contract 1.

LP090/12 ALLOTMENT

The clerk was instructed to reply to the letter received

LP091/12 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Canoes at Coulson Park

The meeting closed at 10.05pm

Chairman

Date