

Lostwithiel Town Council – Land & Parks Committee Meeting

Tuesday 19 August 2014

A Meeting of the Town Council's Land & Parks Committee was held in the Guildhall on Tuesday 19 August 2014 at 7pm.

Councillors present

Committee Chairman Councillor Watkins,
Committee Vice Chairman Councillor Gillett,
Deputy Mayor May, Councillor Abbiss,
Councillor Mrs Parsons & Honoured Burgess Peareth.

In attendance

Town clerk Mrs Harris

No members of the public were in attendance

LP322/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

LP323/14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Mayor Mrs Jarrett and Councillor Brewer.

LP324/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

LP325/14 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Land & Parks Committee Meeting of 30 July 2014 were approved and signed by Committee Chairman Councillor Watkins.

Proposer Councillor Mrs Parsons seconded Councillor Gillett. This proposal received the support of the Council.

LP326/14 PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS

Councillor Watkins read the reports to the Committee and the clerk advised that the Council still awaits a price for the replacement top ring and new seat for the Toddler play area swing. Councillor Watkins offered to contact the Council's grass cutting contractor to obtain a price for the removal of the weeds, bushes and brambles around the outside of the play area adjoining the playing field and to obtain a price for the replacement of the broken fencing rail at the Toddler play area.

LP327/14 LOSTWITHIEL TOWN COUNCIL – ENVIRONMENT POLICY

It was proposed by Deputy Mayor May and seconded by Councillor Abbiss that the Land & Parks Committee recommends the adoption of the Environment Policy to full Council as drafted. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

LP328/14 KING GEORGE V GATES

The clerk advised the Committee that a complaint has been received regarding the new 'bridge gates'. The complaint advises that the gate bangs quite loudly which is disturbing at night and that two children have injured their legs with the gate closing on them. The Committee discussed this complaint and decided to monitor the situation and investigate other self closing mechanisms for the gate.

The clerk also advised the Committee that the Community Centre have advised that the existing padlock on the Cattle Market car park entrance is rusty and needed to be opened using a hammer. It was proposed by Deputy Mayor May and seconded by Councillor Abbiss that the existing Town Council padlock is replaced and the only other padlock left on the gate is the lock used by the Environment Agency and that the Community Centre and Honoured Burgess Peareth are issued with keys for the new padlock. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

LP329/14 COULSON PARK PLAY AREA

The Committee was advised that it is the opinion of Cornwall Council that the proposed new play area needs planning permission.

LP330/14 COULSON PARK WORKING PARTY

The clerk was instructed to defer this agenda item to next month's meeting.

LP331/14 LITTER COLLECTION

It was proposed by Councillor Gillett and seconded by Deputy Mayor May that the price per annum to collect and remove waste hazards i.e. broken glass whilst undertaking grass cutting on all Lostwithiel Town Council grass areas of £320 plus Vat is accepted. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

LP332/14 CATTLE MARKET CAR PARK – REMOVAL OF NOTICE BOARD

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Parsons and seconded by Deputy Mayor May that the notice board is removed as soon as possible. This proposal received the support of the Committee. Councillor Watkins's offer to remove the board was gratefully accepted by the Committee.

LP333/14 LOSTWITHIEL CEMETERY – NEW CEMETERY NOTICE BOARD

Councillor Gillett distributed copies of the online prices and proposed notice board composite materials to the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Parsons and seconded by Councillor Gillett that the clerk is instructed to purchase an A1 Church Notice Board in moss green manufactured by Red17 Ltd. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

LP334/14 ALLOTMENTS

The clerk advised the Committee that two complaints have been received one regarding the pile of rubbish which was removed last week and untended plots. The other email advises that the allotment holder has decided to give up their allotment due to the amount of empty and disused allotments causing a constant fight against the weeds spreading from other allotments.

Councillor Watkins advised the Committee that Mayor Mrs. Jarrett will shortly be contacting all the allotment holders currently not tending their allotments. Councillor Watkins also requested that it be recorded in the minutes the Committees grateful thanks to Deputy Mayor May and Honoured Burgess Peareth for the removal of rubbish from the site and the removal of the posts around the 'rubbish triangle'.

Councillor Watkins asked if all Committee members could please visit the Bodmin Hill allotments and the clerk was instructed to make this allotment area an agenda item for next month's Land & Parks meeting.

LP335/14 TREE SURGEON

The clerk read to the Committee the email received from the Council's contractor. It was decided that Deputy Mayor May, Committee Chairman Watkins and Committee Vice Chairman Gillett will visit the location and report back to next month's meeting.

LP336/14 CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk advised the Committee that the Council has been offered a picnic table which Lostwithiel residents wish to donate to the town for use in one of the parks. It was proposed by Honoured Burgess Peareth and seconded by Councillor Abbiss that the offer is accepted. This proposal received the support of the Committee. The clerk was instructed to thank the residents for their generous donation and to advise them of Councillor Watkins email address in order that collection can be arranged.

LP337/14 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Request from tree surgeon
 Coulson Park working party
 Bodmin Hill allotments
 Oak sapling
 Second Island – Himalayan balsam
 Moles on KGV
 Contractor weed and feed specification
 Clumps of stinging nettles - other side of wall from Memorial Garden and to the left of the slipway

LP338/14 DOG WARDENS

The Committee discussed the decision made by the Council's Finance, Staffing & General Purposes Committee regarding the appointment of Dog Wardens. The Committee also accepted Councillor Gillett's offer to investigate the position regarding Dog Orders.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Chairman

Date