

Lostwithiel Town Council – Land & Parks Committee Meeting
Tuesday 16 September 2014

A Meeting of the Town Council's Land & Parks Committee was held in the Guildhall on Tuesday 16 September 2014 at 7.45pm.

Councillors present

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

In attendance

Councillor Robson
Town clerk Mrs Harris

One member of the public were in attendance

LP404/14 CLIMATE VISION

Luci Isaacson advised the Council this year will be the final year of the project and that the leaf litter collections will start on 3 November 2014. Climate Vision has a number of organisations interested in using the mulch and she will be contacting them over the coming weeks and making the necessary arrangements for them to collect the mulch from site. Luci will arrange for all mulch to be removed and for Cory to remove the black sacks prior to November. Committee Chairman Councillor Watkins thanked Climate Vision for their presentation and for their work in Lostwithiel.

LP405/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Council was addressed regarding the new map boards, the repainting of the notice board on the old bridge, the closure of the golf club and the Himalayan Balsam on the grounds of the golf club.

LP406/14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Brewer and Councillor Mrs Parsons.

LP407/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

LP408/14 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Land & Parks Committee Meeting of 19 August 2014 were approved and signed by Committee Chairman Councillor Watkins.
Proposer Deputy Mayor May seconded Councillor Gillett. This proposal received the support of the Council.

LP409/14 PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS

Councillor Watkins read the reports to the Committee. It was proposed by Councillor Gillett and seconded by Deputy Mayor May that the price of £213.00 plus Vat to supply and fix the new toddler seat and top ring in the toddler play area is accepted. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

LP410/14 KING GEORGE V – MEDIEVAL BRIDGE GATE

The complaint received was read to Council. It was proposed by Mayor Mrs Jarrett and seconded by Honoured Burgess Peareth that the Council considers replacing the latch. This proposal received the support of the Committee and the clerk was instructed to notify the complainant that the Council has considered the complaint received and that changes will be made to the gate very shortly.

LP411/14 LOSTWITHIEL CEMETERY – MEMORIAL STONES INSPECTION

The clerk advised the Committee that Cormac have inspected all the Memorial stones in the Cemetery. There are 396 stones 44 of which have been found to need some safety work. As a result of the inspection it was only necessary to lay one stone flat.

Whilst in the Cemetery the Cormac team highlighted a problem with the current row of graves. It was proposed by Mayor Mrs Jarrett and seconded by Councillor Gillett that the price of £499.54 exclusive of Vat is accepted to mark out the remainder of the row and the next full row. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

The clerk was instructed to make grave digging an agenda item for the next Committee meeting.

LP412/14 COULSON PARK – working party

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

LP413/14 BODMIN HILL ALLOTMENTS

All Committee members were asked to visit the Bodmin Hill Allotments and the clerk was instructed to defer this agenda item to next month's Committee meeting.

LP414/14 CASTLE HILL ALLOTMENTS

The Committee agreed to the request from the tree surgeon.

LP415/14 ALLOTMENTS

Mayor Mrs Jarrett explained the context in which a Lostwithiel resident had requested an allotment. The Committee agreed that an allotment could not be allocated for this purpose. The clerk advised Council that a request for an allotment has been received from a Penpillick resident. The clerk was instructed to suggest to the applicant that they wish to apply to Tywardreath & Par Parish Council.

LP416/14 NOMANSLAND FLOWERS

It was proposed by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor May that Lostwithiel Town Council provides on the receipt of an annual request 120 marigold plants per annum

for the Nomansland flower bed at the Sweetshouse junction. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

LP417/14 SECOND ISLAND WALKWAY

It was proposed by Mayor Mrs Jarrett and seconded by Councillor Gillett that the clerk is instructed to ask the contractor who has fixed the walkway previously to provide a price to replace the broken or damaged boards and that on receipt this price is to be referred to the Chairman of the Land & Parks Committee. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

LP418/14 SECOND ISLAND – HIMALAYAN BALSAM

The clerk was instructed to report the growth of Himalayan Balsam along the river to the Environment Agency and to report the Himalayan Balsam on the river bank in Second Island to the Duchy of Cornwall.

LP419/14 KING GEORGE V – WEED & FEED

Councillor Watkins advised the Committee that he has spoken to the King George V grass cutting contractor regarding the weed and feed programme which should have been undertaken July/August. The contractor has recommended that the Council's first step should be to obtain soil samples. It was proposed by Councillor Gillett and seconded by Mayor Mrs Jarrett that the Council accepts this recommendation and that the clerk is instructed to obtain soil samples. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

LP420/14 STINGING NETTLES

Councillors were encouraged to identify areas in need of spraying prior to next month's Committee meeting and the clerk was instructed to defer the agenda item to next month.

LP421/14 GARDENS AND PLANTERS

The Committee discussed the untidy appearance of some gardens and planters on Town Council land. Mayor Mrs Jarrett suggested that the Committee should consider appointing a contractor to tend these areas.

The clerk was instructed to contact the Council's insurers for a recommendation regarding the level of Public Liability Insurance that the Town Council should request is held by a contractor undertaking these works.

LP422/14 CORRESPONDENCE

None

LP423/14 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Soil samples

Stinging nettles

Gardens & Planters

The meeting closed at 9.25pm