

Lostwithiel Town Council – Land & Parks Committee Meeting

Tuesday 27 January 2015

A Meeting of the Town Council's Land & Parks Committee was held in the Guildhall on Tuesday 27 January 2015 at 8pm the previous meeting having overrun.

Councillors present

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

In attendance

Town clerk Sandra Harris

One member of the public was in attendance

LP710/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

LP711/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Brewer.

LP712/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

LP713/14 MINUTES

The minutes of the Land & Parks Meeting of 16 December 2014 were approved and signed by Committee Chairman Councillor Watkins.

Proposer Councillor Abbiss seconder Deputy Mayor May. This proposal received the support of the Council.

LP714/14 PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS

Councillor Watkins advised the Committee of the issues raised in the reports dated 10 December 2014. The reports did not include any major issues in need of immediate attention.

LP715/14 GRASS VERGE CUTTING

Councillor Gillett advised the Committee that some discrepancies had been found in Cornwall Council's verge cutting pack.

It was proposed by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Mayor Mrs Jarrett that the Committee approves in principle to start discussions with Cormac to re-negotiate the terms of the contract i.e. the areas to be cut and the number of cuts per annum. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

In the interim the clerk was instructed to start drafting a contract to send out to prospective contractors to be priced on a per cut basis.

#### LP716/14 LOSTWITHIEL FORUM

It was proposed by Councillor Watkins and seconded by Councillor Gillett that Lostwithiel Town Council supports Lostwithiel Forum's project to install two new benches and additional steps in King George V playing field subject to obtaining the necessary consent from the Environment Agency. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

The clerk advised the Committee that the Environment Agency has already been approached for consent.

#### LP717/14 RUBBISH

The clerk read to Council an email received from a Lostwithiel resident requesting that the Town Council considers additional signage regarding litter in order that it 'might shame offenders into becoming more reasonable human beings'.

The clerk was instructed to thank the resident for their email and it was suggested that, at this stage, the Mayor puts an article into the newsletter to encourage use of the bins provided. If this proves unsuccessful then the Council may well consider increased signage at a later date.

#### LP718/14 LOSTWITHIEL CEMETERY – FLAT GRAVESTONE

It was proposed by Deputy Mayor May and seconded by Mayor Mrs Jarrett that the clerk is instructed to advise the family friend who contacted the office that it will grant permission for this particular stone which has been identified as in need of repair to be laid flat subject to the stone being set flush into the ground so that it does not present a trip hazard or a problem for grass maintenance. This proposal received the support of the Committee.

#### LP719/14 LOSTWITHIEL CEMETERY – METHODS OF GRAVESTONE REPAIR

Mayor Mrs Jarrett & Deputy Mayor May following their recent visit to a local stonemason explained to the Committee the various methods of repair depending on the stone fault identified and advised that an indication of costs per stone is between £150 & £250.

#### LP720/14 MAYOR'S LAND & PARKS RELATED PROJECTS

The Mayor advised the Committee that she hopes to hold a community day on 14 March under Cornwall Council's Clean Cornwall umbrella. It is hoped that this will include litter picking, planting, weeding, erecting dog notices, the removal of the redundant gas box on the Parade, painting/replacing of yellow King George V gates and repairing benches and bins around the town.

The Mayor was asked to check the levels of insurance cover provided by Clean Cornwall. The clerk expressed concern regarding volunteers working with metal paint and working close or adjacent to Highways weeding, planting or litter picking.

#### LP721/14 CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk read to the Committee an email received from Cornwall Council's Contract Compliance Officer regarding the Shire Hall Moor dog bin and was instructed to reply that the bin is sited in this location following numerous requests from the public for a dog bin

convenient to this area. As a result the Town Council does not wish to consider re-siting for ease of service. The clerk was also instructed to ask if during their recent audit the state of repair of the bins in Lostwithiel had been recorded and when the Town Council can anticipate repair/replacement as some of the catches which currently present a health and safety hazard.

LP722/14 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

All items from December agenda

Bodmin Hill tree

Formal disbanding of cemetery working party

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chairman

Date