

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS &
CEMETERY COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL

ON MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2016

PRESENT: COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames: K Liddell, S Simpson, L M Wood, K Hawley
& V Watson

Messrs: S Miles, D Sillito, W M Jeffrey, C Watkins, L Cook,
J Alvey, C J Metcalfe, C Robbins & A Watson

**MEMBERS WERE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO DISCLOSE
ANY INTEREST, PREJUDICIAL OR PERSONAL, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT.**

73. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors S McDonnell, (work commitments) and G Cowie, (ill).

RECOMMENDED the Council approve the reasons submitted for absence received from the Councillors on the grounds given above, and their apologies for absence be recorded.

74. CASTLE EDEN CATCHMENT PROJECT

The Chair welcomed Joanne Ashworth, Senior Project Officer for the Castle Eden Catchment Improvement Project along with Carolyn Simpson from the Wear Rivers Trust.

The Castle Eden Catchment Improvement Project is a £60,000 multi-agency collaboration that will improve water quality across the catchment and raise awareness and activity related to improving the catchment's habitats and species and as a result the health of our coastal waters. The Heritage Coast Partnership was leading on a water and

environmental project for the whole of the Castle Eden catchment. This project was being funded by the Environment Agency, Natural England, Northumbrian Water and local Durham County Councillors through their Neighbourhood Budget allocation; under the umbrella of the Coastal Stream Partnership.

Mrs Ashworth and Ms Simpson gave a presentation to Council on the project and invited feedback. Several Members gave details of other waterways in the Town that they felt the Officers may be interested in. Officers thanked members for the opportunity to come along and promote the project and in turn Council thanked the Officers for their attendance and for the informative address.

RECOMMENDED the information given, be noted.

75. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were accepted.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 50 - Passmore Pavilion

The Acting Town Clerk reported receipt of an expression of thanks from the Apollo Group, (APCA), for the Town Council's assistance with the opening and closing of the facility on a trial basis.

RECOMMENDED the information given be noted.

76. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE COMMITTEE PASSED THE FORMAL RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING, PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960 & THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985.

77. MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT OF THE HORTICULTURAL SUPERVISOR

The report of the Horticultural Supervisor was circulated to each Member for their consideration.

(a) Play Area Repairs

Details were given of play area repairs that were required across the sites and the costs involved.

RECOMMENDED works to the play areas as listed in the report, be approved at a cost of £7,575.00, financed from the current budget.

(b) Additional Play Area considerations – surfacing and equipment

Members were requested to consider the options available to them as an alternative to replacement of rubber crumb play surfacing at the various satellite sites.

RECOMMENDED the removal of the 4 x 2 seater swings at the Hampshire Place play area, along with the complete removal of the rubber crumb surfacing, be approved. These swings be replaced with smaller child friendly swings and a safamat surfacing be installed at a cost of £4,870 for the new equipment, and a cost of £2,000 to dispose of the rubber crumb, financed from the current budget.

(c) Woodhouse Park (Volunteering) Pilot

Members were requested to re consider the proposal received from Groundwork NE for the provision of a volunteer strategy/recruitment and management of volunteers in Woodhouse Park and a summary of the proposal was given for Members.

RECOMMENDED the details of the proposal be noted and the item be deferred until such time as funding may be available for such a project.

78. PURCHASE OF LAND – EASINGTON TYRE CENTRE

Members gave consideration to the request received of an altered section of land that the owners of Easington Tyre Centre wished to purchase. Whilst having no objection to the small strip along the hedgerow, Members wished to re affirm their original portion of the site, taking into account land to the rear of the Ambulance Station.

RECOMMENDED the request be refused and the Council offer the area of land hatched in yellow on the plan, (along with a small strip along the hedgerow now requested), as agreed earlier in discussions

with the Garage. FURTHER RECOMMENDED as part of the agreement the Garage be requested to carry out a full environmental impact study in line with planning conditions and building regulations.

79. HORDEN RUGBY CLUB – PROGRESS REPORT

(i) Draft Lease

Whilst Members were satisfied with the draft lease although they asked that reference be included to the change of the Club's name within an agreed timescale.

RECOMMENDED this be included in the lease.

(ii) Licence Application

Members were advised that Horden were to submit a licence application to sell alcohol at the premises at Eden Lane. Members asked what type of licence it was to be, the Acting Town Clerk advised she would keep Members updated on receipt of further detail.

RECOMMENDED the information given be noted and no comments be offered.

(ii) Demolition of the spectator stand

Members considered this item as included in the Horticultural Supervisor's report.

RECOMMENDED this project be undertaken at no cost to the Town Council.

80. SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE BILL (PADDY) FOX

The Acting Town Clerk advised that arrangements had now been finalised for a service of remembrance to be held in memory of the late Paddy Fox on Saturday 13th February 2016 at 11.00am at St Cuthberts Church Peterlee. It had been agreed that whilst the Town Council felt unable to make a financial contribution towards the event, they were happy to offer help "in kind". The Mayor advised she would like to support the event on behalf of the Town Council and she was to be meeting with the Manager of Asda to seek his help.

RECOMMENDED the information given be noted.