

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS &
CEMETERY COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL

ON MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2016 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames: K Liddell, K Hawley & S Simpson

Messrs: C Watkins, S Miles, D Sillito, W M Jeffrey,
C Robbins, L Cook, R Kyle & A Watson

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

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillor G Cowie, H Bennett MBE, (both ill), S Miles, G Carne, (other commitments), C J Metcalfe, (family commitments) and S McDonnell, (ill). There was discussion on the reasons given for apologies.

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

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

Matters Arising

(i) War Memorial/Cenotaph

As agreed at the Council Meeting held on 21 November 2016, the creation of a new cenotaph was considered. Members had raised this following feedback form those taking part in the parade this year. The Deputy Town Clerk asked if Members would e mail her with details of the feedback that had been received which could then be used as a starting

point for discussions on this matter. It was also reported that it may be likely the Town Council would be asked to take on the organising of this event in the future.

RECOMMENDED a report on the matter, be awaited.

(ii) Shotton Hall driveway

The Horticultural Supervisor advised that he had now received two quotes for this work and he asked for approval to proceed. Depending on when the work could be carried out approval was requested to make a temporary in house repair. Councillor Hawley raised her objection to how this process had been carried out which she felt was at odds to what had previously been agreed.

RECOMMENDED subject to guarantees being confirmed, the work be carried out by Youll Construction Ltd, Durham, at a cost of £9,550 plus vat.

49. MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT OF THE HORTICULTURAL SUPERVISOR

Members considered the progress report giving details of Dene Parks North & South, Helford Road Score Box compound, leisure gardens, Eden Lane Rugby Pitch, Rugby Football Union and trailer training by Parks staff.

In relation to the score box at Helford Road a Local Member felt that the temporary metal storage containers were an eye sore and should be replaced with proper brick built storage for each sport. He asked if this could be flagged up as an area for future capital expenditure commitment.

There was discussion on progress with the Leisure Gardens sites and the Chair allowed Mr Duffy to speak at the meeting. There was considerable discussion on the waiting list and vacant plots.

There was discussion on the recent trailer and training and it was felt by Members that all Parks Department operatives should undertake the training.

RECOMMENDED:-

(i) **the Town Council send out the rent request to all plot holders at both sites and each plot holder be asked to confirm they wished to retain their garden plot for 2017 so that an up to date**

- plot list could be maintained. The current waiting lists for both sites also be confirmed;**
- (ii) trailer training be placed on the next agenda for the Health & Safety Committee;**
 - (iii) the remainder of the contents of the report be noted.**

50. ALLOWING DOGS INTO WOODHOUSE PARK – TRIAL PERIOD

Members were circulated with a copy of the Parks Development Officer's report giving details of the successful trial period that had been running at Woodhouse Park to allow dogs on leads into the Park. It was now for Members to consider whether or not to allow dogs into the Park. During discussions it was stressed that dogs must be kept on leads at all times and that proper signage must be put in place.

RECOMMENDED dogs be allowed in Woodhouse Park, however they must be kept on a lead at all times. This was to be reviewed again in 12 months time.

51. YODEN QUARRY PROJECT

Members considered the report of the Horticultural Supervisor giving an update with this project. A site visit and presentation had been held on Monday 5th December 2016 with several Members in attendance. One of the Local Members that attended reported she had enjoyed the presentation and the site visit very much and she had found it very informative. The Horticultural Officer was congratulated on his excellent work with improving the site and bringing the various partners together to consider this project in more detail encouraging intellectual tourism.

RECOMMENDED that further opportunities for funding this project are sought by Officers.