

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS &  
CEMETERY COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL

ON MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 AT 6.45PM

PRESENT: COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames: K Liddell, K Hawley & S McDonnell

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

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

65. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors L M Wood, S Simpson, V Watson, J Alvey & G Cowie.

**RECOMMENDED the Council approve the reasons submitted for absence received from Councillors, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

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

67. WILD FLOWER PLANTING

The Chair welcomed Stuart Priestley, Ecology Officer, Durham County Council to the meeting. Mr Priestley gave a quick overview of the Durham wildflower planting project and explained the concept of 'gateway sites' which were keys areas with high volumes of traffic. Mr Priestley provided an idea of costs associated with wildflower planting

and outlined key benefits in terms of costs, amenity and bio diversity. He stressed larger public amenity areas were best for this type of planting. The Chair opened the meeting for a question and answer session which included whether or not formal roundabouts were suitable for this type of planting, which Mr Priestley suggested they were not. Members asked about any problems and ideas about consultation with local residents. In closing the Chair thanked Mr Priestley, who offered to carry out a site visits with Town Council Officers to offer advice on wildflower planting and suitable sites.

**RECOMMENDED Mr Priestley's offer be taken up and suitable sites within the Town Council's ownership and operation be considered for wild flower planting. FURTHER RECOMMENDED a wild flower planting scheme be prepared for consideration by Council.**

68. MAINTENANCE OVERVIEW

Members considered the report of the Parks Supervisor giving an update on the Eden Lane Quarry project, Woodhouse Park/Helford Road, (under 7's football pitches), Leisure Gardens sites and Eden Lane Cemetery.

RECOMMENDED the information contained in the progress report, be noted.

69. SUPPLY AND FIT OF METAL WELDMESH FENCE, (EDEN Lane)

Members considered the report of the Parks Supervisor seeking approval for the procurement of a 1.8m high mesh fence around the perimeter of Rugby Pitch 2 at Eden Lane. In considering this work Members made reference to the name change to the facility and also to the opening and operating hours. Councillor Miles wished for it to be recorded that he was against these fencing works.

**RECOMMENDED:-**

- (i) approval be given to Rennyco Security Solutions to install a 1.8m high security fence to Pitch 2 at the Eden Lane ground at a cost of £9,155.00;**
- (ii) Members be provided with an update on the operation of the Rugby Club at Eden Lane.**

70. BIG SPRING CLEAN LITTER PICK CAMPAIGN

The report of the Town Clerk, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was considered. The report informed Members of the Committee of proposals for the Big Spring Clean in April 2017, including joint work with Howletch Primary School, Litterfree Durham and DCC Civic Pride teams.

**RECOMMENDED the following be agreed:-**

**1) the development of proposals for joint work with Howletch School and DCC Civic Pride team to coordinate activity for a Big Spring Clean of the school and adjacent Woodhouse Park;**

**2) the promotion of the Big Spring Clean to residents of Peterlee, and support for individuals and/or groups who wish to organise local litter-picking activity in their local area in conjunction with the DCC Civic Pride team; and**

**3) the purchase of 30 litter picking packs for issue to local volunteers, as detailed in this report, at an approximate cost of £750 + VAT from existing budgets.**