

**Northam Town Council** – Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Windmill Lane, Northam commencing at 6.00 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Davis (Chairman), Mrs Whittaker (from minute no 1181/575), Rev Arnold, Brading, Eastman, Edwards, Hames, Himan, Laws, Leather and Tisdale  
**In attendance:** Mrs M J Mills, Town Clerk,  
Members of the public

**1811/571 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Berryman, Hancock and Sherborne

**1811/572 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced a Special meeting to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> November and requested that the meeting be as swift and smooth as possible following his recent health warning.

**1811/573 Declarations of interest**

Members were reminded that all interests must be declared prior to the item being discussed.

**1811/574 To agree the agenda between Part A and Part B (*confidential information*)**

It was **resolved** to agree the agenda between Part A and Part B (*confidential information*)

Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Brading (all in favour)

**1811/575 To consider moving forward with work at Anchor Park**

At this juncture Cllr Mrs Whittaker arrived at the meeting.

It was **resolved** to move ahead with the bow top fencing around the children's play area and to complete the perimeter path and consideration should be given to using a stone finish subject to pricing on both items.

Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Brading (majority in favour, 4 votes against, 1 abstention)

There was a further proposal, and it was **resolved** that we do not renew any play equipment at Anchor Park during this financial year unless it is required for safety reasons.

Proposed: Cllr Brading, Seconded: Cllr Edwards (majority in favour, 3 votes against and 1 abstention)

It was further agreed to move forward with the hardstanding and complete the area as agreed previously.

**1811/576 To consider moving forward with work at Lord's Meadow**

It was **resolved** in principle to go ahead, subject to estimates and pricing, with the perimeter path and removal of tree stumps and the surfacing under the older children's play area.

Proposed: Cllr Hames, Seconded: Cllr Brading (majority in favour with 2 abstentions)

At this juncture Cllr Rev Arnold gave his apologies and left the meeting.

**1811/577 To consider proposals for the TAP fund 2018 and 2019**

The Town Clerk explained that there were four proposals, one of which could not be moved forward as an application for funding for salaries would not be accepted for the TAP fund.

- Cllr Leather then proposed the refuge in the centre of Chanters Road. It was **resolved** to move forward with this.  
Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale (majority in favour, 1 vote against)
- Members were advised that to move forward with a pilot scheme for the Dog Warden they would be required to commit to employing the Warden in future years.  
Cllr Brading proposed moving forward with the Dog Warden scheme but there was no seconder.
- Cllr Eastman then proposed that the TAP fund monies be used to contribute to the refurbishment of Appledore Community Hall. This was seconded by Cllr Davis. There were 2 votes in favour and the remaining Members abstained.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

**Signed**..... **Dated**.....

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