

**Northam Town Council – Minutes of the Westward Ho! Park Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 in the Council Chamber, Windmill Lane, Northam at 6.30 pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs Hodson (Chairman), Laws, Leather, Mrs McCarthy (from minute, 2202/1122) Newman McKie, Sargent, Tisdale and Woodhouse  
Co-opted Members – Mrs C Hutchins, Mrs M Jones and  
Mr S Makeig-Jones

**In attendance:** Mrs M J Mills – Town Clerk, Mr G Langton - Deputy Town Clerk

**2202/1115 Apologies**

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Cllr Edwards

**2202/1116 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman had no announcements

**2202/1117 Declarations of interest**

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

**2202/1118 To agree the agenda between Part A and Part B**

It was **resolved** to agree the agenda as published between Part A and Part B  
Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Hodson (all in favour)

**22021119 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Westward Ho! Park Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

It was **resolved** to confirm and sign the minutes of the Westward Ho! Park Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 as a correct record.  
Proposed: Cllr Sargent, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale (majority in favour 2 abstentions not present at the meeting)

**2202/1120 Public Participation**

*Members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Each member of the public is entitled to speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda and shall not speak for more than 4 minutes. The period of time which is designated for public participation in accordance with standing orders shall not exceed 20 minutes.*

No members of the public present.

**2202/1121 To consider the Action Points**

Action Points were noted.

Cllr Hodson advised that TDC have earmarked all possible sleepers so none would be available to NTC.

**2202/1122 To receive a report from the Chair of FOTWHOP**

The Chair of FOTWHOP advised the 200 club is continuing with 3 draws left for this year. The numbers will not be restricted in future. Grant applications are being looked at, FOTWHOP has booked a stall at the May Fair. At a recent meeting it was agreed to provide £500 towards plants in the Park.  
Cllr Mrs McCarthy arrived at the meeting



- 2202/1123 To receive a draft survey on options for the tennis courts and pavilion usage**  
There was a proposal to amend the survey, restricting the choice of options to 4 for uses of the pavilion Proposed: Cllr Leather Seconded: Cllr Sargent, votes were 4 in favour and 4 against, the Chair used her casting vote for the survey to remain unchanged.  
It was therefore **resolved** to circulate the survey adding in a space for respondents to put their postcode and the addition of a return address. It will be delivered to all properties through the Link, also available online, website, Facebook, and local shops.  
**Action Point** – circulate survey
- 2202/1124 To discuss sensory garden fencing/ hedging and surface**  
It was **resolved** to move forward with picket fencing from a sustainable source, obtain 3 quotes and to use green wood preserver  
Proposed: Cllr Laws, Seconded: Cllr Sargent,(all in favour)  
With regard to the surface, this will be an agenda item when there has been some exploratory work done  
**Action Point** – seek three quotes. Surface issues, future agenda
- 2202/1125 To receive an update on the working group conclusions re financial implications for the future improvements to the park**  
After some discussion it was **resolved** to recommend to Full Council that Northam Town Council agrees to apply for a PWLB loan to cover the cost of the refurbishment of the Pavilion and the works required on the tennis courts/sports area, in the region of £150,000 to £200,000  
Proposed: Cllr Laws, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale (all in favour)  
**Action Point** - Place recommendation on Full Council agenda with a report

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