

Northam Town Council – Minutes of the Westward Ho! Park Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 18th January 2022 in the Council Chamber, Windmill Lane, Northam at 6.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs Hodson (Chairman), Laws, Mrs McCarthy, Sargent and Tisdale
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

2201/1005 Apologies

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Cllrs Edwards, Leather and Newman-McKie.

2201/1006 Chairman's Announcements

Retrospective permission was agreed for the repairs to the wall.

2201/1007 Declarations of interest

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

2201/1008 To agree the agenda between Part A and Part B

It was **resolved** to agree the agenda as published

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Hodson, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale (all in favour)

2201/1009 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Westward Ho! Park Meeting 14th December 2021

It was **resolved** to confirm and sign the minutes of the Westward Ho! Park Meeting held on 14th December 2021 as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Hodson (majority in favour one abstention not present at the meeting)

2201/1010 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.

2201/1011 To consider the Action Points

Action Points were noted.

Cllr Hodson will make enquiries with TDC about some possible sleepers.

2201/1012 To receive a report from the Chair of FOTWHOP

The Chair of FOTWHOP advised that there was not much to update. There are a few tickets remaining for the 200 club, £9.70 has been received from the Amazon smile funds Things will start moving forward in March

**2201/1013 To receive a draft survey on options for the tennis court area
To consider a specification for the tennis court area**

Both agenda items were considered together

It was **resolved** that a simple survey should be produced considering all options for the area, MUGA, tennis courts, Bowling Green for example, with a draft brought to the next meeting

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

A report will be brought to the next meeting encompassing cost benefits and a timeline for refencing and resurfacing.



Action Points – Produce simple survey considering all options for the area, MUGA, tennis courts, bowling green for example and bring draft to next meeting. Report to be brought to next meeting encompassing cost benefits and a timeline for refencing and resurfacing

- 2201/1014 To consider and agree siting of the picnic benches**
After a brief discussion the siting was agreed, Cllr Laws will show the Maintenance Men the sites, the benches will not require concrete bases.
- 2201/1015 To discuss sensory garden fencing.**
It was confirmed the sensory garden fencing has been removed. It is understood that the County Councillor has promised some funding towards improvements towards the sensory garden. It was agreed to explore the issues with the surface there and bring a report to the next meeting
Action Point – Report to next meeting regarding the issues with surface
- 2201/1016 To consider fencing at the entrance to the wildflower meadow area**
It was resolved to erect a temporary fence and gate until the area is established and create notices about recent increased dog fouling and dogs not on leads. Random patrols will take place including early mornings and evenings and offenders may be prosecuted.
Proposed: Cllr Hodson, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale (all in favour)
Action Point – Erect a temporary fence and gate until the area is established and create notices regarding dog fouling and dogs not on leads
- 2201/1017 To consider setting up a working group to consider the financial implications for the future improvements to the Park and report back initially to the committee**
It was resolved Cllr Hodson, Cllr Laws, Cllr Leather, Cllr McCarthy and the Town Clerk will form the working group.
Proposed: Cllr Hodson, Seconded: Cllr Laws (all in favour)
Action Point – Working Group to be set up

