

Northam Town Council – Minutes of the Westward Ho! Park Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21st June 2022 in the Council Chamber, Windmill Lane, Northam at 6.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs Hodson (Chairman), Mrs McCarthy, Newman McKie, Miss Woodhouse, Laws, Leather, Sargent and Tisdale
Co-opted Members – Mrs C Hutchins, and Mr S Makeig-Jones
In attendance: Mrs M J Mills – Town Clerk, Mr G Langton - Deputy Town Clerk

2206/131 Election of Chairman

It was **resolved** to appoint Cllr Mrs Hodson as Chairman
Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Mrs McCarthy, (all in favour)

2206/132 Election of Vice Chairman

It was **resolved** to appoint Cllr Mrs McCarthy as Vice-Chairman
Proposed: Cllr Laws, Seconded: Cllr Newman McKie, (all in favour)

2206/133 Apologies

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Cllr Edwards and Mrs Jones

2206/134 Chairman's Announcements

A query was raised regarding part of the fence in the Park, enquiries will be made and this will be a future agenda item

Action Point: make enquiries and place on a future agenda

2206/135 Declarations of interest

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

2206/136 To agree the agenda as published

It was **resolved** to agree the agenda as published
Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Leather (all in favour)

2206/137 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Westward Ho! Park Meeting 12th April 2022

It was **resolved** to confirm and sign the minutes of the Westward Ho! Park Meeting held on 12th April 2022 as a correct record.
Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Leather (majority in favour 2 abstentions, not present at the meeting)

2206/138 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 were present.

2206/139 To consider the Action Points

Action Points were noted.

2206/140 To receive a report from the Chair of FOTWHOP

The Chair of FOTWHOP reported the group had recently held the AGM, it was not well attended, she thanked Cllr Mrs Hodson and Cllr Laws for attending. She advised there was currently a balance of £8830.69. A sum of £1000 needs to be retained for the 200 club. She thanked TDC Cllrs for their grants, one grant received was specifically towards the improvement of the sensory garden. Other grants are being sought.

Some new members have joined because of interest in the sensory garden. The 200 club now has 155 members, it now costs £10 to join. Mr Makeig-Jones advised the trellis panels have all been installed and compliments received on the professional job done. The "Hotbin Composter" has arrived and installation is awaited. The Biosphere attendees at the "Hotbin" presentation advised there are grants of seeds available.

Action point: Town Clerk to make contact to find what is available.

2206141 To receive an update from the two working groups
The reports were noted.

2206/142 To discuss sensory garden costings and brief designer
After some discussion, it was **resolved** to invite the designer to proceed with the remaining design work on the sensory garden.
Proposed: Cllr Hodson, Seconded: Cllr Newman McKie (all in favour)
Action Point: Contact designer

2206/143 To consider a request to plant a memorial tree and bench in Westward Ho! Park
It was agreed that Cllr Laws will contact TDC in regard to allowing the bench near the hut adjoining the Park to allow its dedication, and Members supported the dedication of the silver birch tree recently planted also adjoining the hut. The applicant will be advised.

2206/144 To consider a Fields in Trust application for the Park
This will be discussed at Full Council

2206/145 To consider basketball hoops for the Park
it was **resolved** to discuss provision of a basketball hoop as a temporary measure with the tennis court/ MUGA consultant at the meeting planned for this coming Thursday.
Proposed: Cllr Mrs Hodson, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale (all in favour)

2206/146 To consider succession planning for the gardeners
Members were advised that 2 members of the gardeners' group will be leaving in the near future.
It was **resolved** to write to them to thank them for all their help and to purchase a gift of gardening vouchers to the value of £100 to send them.
Proposed: Cllr Sargent, Seconded Cllr Leather, (all in favour)
It was suggested that some sort of event is held in the Park in July, seeking volunteers. Also, consideration needs to be given to various options for moving forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05 pm

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