

Northam Town Council – Minutes of the Westward Ho! Park Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16th August 2022 in the Council Chamber, Windmill Lane, Northam at 6.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs Hodson (Chairman), Laws, Leather, Mrs McCarthy, Newman McKie and Tisdale

In attendance: Co-opted Members – Mrs C Hutchins, and Mr S Makeig-Jones
Mrs M J Mills – Town Clerk, Mr G Langton - Deputy Town Clerk

2208/358 Apologies

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Cllrs Edwards, Sargent, and Miss Woodhouse,

2208/359 Chairman’s Announcements

The Chair advised an update on providing a “Changing Places” facility at Westward Ho! Park, this will be an agenda item.

Members were advised of an emergency issue with a swing at Westward Ho! Park. This will be investigated with regard to replacement and insurer and installer issues,

Action Points: Changing places agenda item, move forward with swing issues

2208/360 Declarations of interest

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

2208/361 To agree the agenda as published

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

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

2208/362 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Westward Ho! Park Meeting 19th July 2022

It was **resolved** to confirm and sign the minutes of the Westward Ho! Park Meeting held on 19th July 2022 as a correct record.

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

2208/363 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.

2208/364 To consider the Action Points

Action Points were noted. Pipe request on next agenda. Request for toilet brush

Action Point – Pipe request next agenda, supply toilet brush

2208/365 To receive a report from the Chair of FOTWHOP

The Chair of FOTWHOP reported on the successful installation of the locking box for equipment, and provision of equipment, regrettably some has disappeared, despite reminders to return on the box itself. The 200 club membership is unchanged. There has been a request for possible cctv due to gatherings at the pavilion and an amount of broken glass etc

Action Point – Explore protecting the pavilion

2208/366 To ratify a decision to purchase a locking box for sports equipment
It was **resolved** to ratify a decision to purchase a locking box for sports equipment
Proposed: Cllr Hodson, Seconded: Cllr Laws (all in favour)

2208/367 To consider an update regarding the tennis courts/MUGA and to recommend to Full Council proceeding with the PWLB loan on receipt of costing for recessed goals (if financially viable and LTA funding not appropriate)
After some discussion and receipt of prices:
It was **resolved** to expedite communications with the LTA to ascertain potential grant funding, also to receive the surveyor's report.
Proposed: Cllr Hodson, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale(all in favour)
Action Point: Agenda item next meeting to consider whether to proceed with the existing quote or go to tender with a lower specification.

- 2208/368 To consider**
- **Make good grassed areas with purchase of a ton of topsoil** (*approximately £100*)
It was **resolved** to proceed with the work
Proposed: Cllr Hodson, Seconded: Cllr Mrs McCarthy (all in favour)
 - **Siting "Hotbin" rear of pavilion creating fenced, gated area, costs for fencing and gate.** (*approximately £150*)
 - It was **resolved** to proceed with the work
 - Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Mrs McCarthy (majority in favour one abstention)
 - **Work on boundary fence to include purchase of 7 posts and some concrete** (*approximately £350*)
It was **resolved** to proceed with the work subject to agreement with the owner concerned that the fence will be supported from the park side
Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Laws (all in favour)
Action Points: proceed with making good grass areas, fencing hotbin, and fencing support with agreement of the owner.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed

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