

# WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Leisure Areas Committee** held on 29th October 2018 at the Parish Centre.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor G C M Willis, Chairman

Councillors B L Correll, R J Dykstra, Ms L A Gifford, Mrs M H Harlock, J A Parker, R A Payne, Mrs S J Wilcox and Dr S C Withams.

## **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs J M Cole, S J Green, P S Potts, Mrs J A Tavener and Mrs A R Wyatt.

## **07/18 MINUTES**

Upon being moved by Councillor Mrs S J Wilcox and seconded by Councillor Dr Withams, the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23rd July 2018 were signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

## **08/18 MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

No interests were declared by Members.

## **09/18 MATTERS ARISING**

The Committee noted that there were no matters arising from its meeting held on 23rd July 2018.

## **10/18 FEAST WEEK**

The Committee reviewed the activities that had been undertaken during Feast Week at the end of July and considered the arrangements for 2019. Members welcomed the involvement of the Community Association in organising events during Feast Week in the past two years which had led to more activities taking place and greater participation levels.

As the band concert funded by the Parish Council on the Sunday of Feast Week had again proved successful with a large attendance, it was

## **RESOLVED**

that the Clerk be requested to engage the same local band to play at the band concert on the first Sunday of Feast Week in 2019.

## **11/18 MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The Committee reviewed the maintenance requirements of the various areas within its remit as follows:-

### **(a) Adams Lyons Playground**

Further to Minute No. 06/18(a), the Clerk confirmed that the work identified in the safety inspection report had been completed by a Caloo engineer on 19th October. In response to a request by the Chairman, the Clerk confirmed that he would book the same company to undertake the safety inspection in 2019.

With regard to complaints from the occupiers of The Paddocks mobile home park regarding overhanging branches from trees in the playground, the Clerk reported that he had met one tree surgeon on site and had contacted a second to arrange a meeting. The work would also include the removal of two dead trees at Jubilee Park. It was hoped that the quotations would be received for consideration at the meeting of the Council on 12th November.

Members were informed that enquiries had yet to be made into the cost of removing the BMX cycle track, provision of a football 5-a-side area and mobile skateboard equipment.

### **(b) The Weir**

Further to Minute No 120/18 of the meeting of the Council held on 8th October, the Clerk reported that he had obtained a second quotation for the sampling and testing of the sediment in The Weir as a prelude to the potential dredging of the pond. Members were informed that the second quotation was considerably higher than the quotation from Aquatic Environmental Solutions that had been reported at the Council meeting.

Arising from Minute No. 109/18(d) of the meeting of the Council held on 8th October and a question by Councillor Payne, the Clerk reported that the contractor engaged to extend the paving at The Weir had advised that he would obtain material samples for consideration and would arrange to meet on site to agree on the choice of paving.

### **RESOLVED**

that the quotation from Aquatic Environmental Services in the sum of £832.40 plus VAT for the sampling and testing of sediment at The Weir be accepted.

### **(c) Heath Pond and Sheepwash**

Further to Minute No. 06/18(d), Councillor Dr Withams reported that the local Archaeological Society were interested in researching the history of the Sheepwash and its retention but were extremely busy currently with work on the

Bellway site south of Farriers Way and elsewhere. Members of the society would be contacting Councillor Mrs Cole to discuss the situation with her.

**(d) Orchard Close**

Members noted that there were no matters to bring to their attention.

**(e) Pathfinder Way Open Spaces**

It was noted that no action was required.

**(f) School Road and High Street/Woodlands footpath**

The Clerk reported that the Ramsey Rotary Club would be planting trees supplied by the Woodland Trust in the open spaces at School Road and Statfold Green in November.

Arising from comments about overhanging trees and bushes along the High Street to Woodlands footpath, the Clerk advised that as this was a public footpath, the responsibility for cutting back the growth lay with the County Council. However the Handymen did undertake what work they could with the equipment available. The brambles had been cut back in the summer and the Handymen were in the process of cutting back bushes and hedges during the autumn. The Chairman drew attention to branches that were overhanging the path from trees situated in the grounds of the Baptist Church and the Clerk undertook to raise this with the Minister.

**(g) War Memorial**

Members noted that the Handymen had painted the railings black and gold around the war memorial garden as requested.

**(h) Jubilee Park**

Members expressed their disappointment over the vandalism to the picnic bench donated by Ramsey Rotary Club.

**(i) Clock Tower Shelter**

Mention was made of the many favourable comments that had been made about the mural painted in the Clock Tower shelter by Councillor Mrs Tavener's daughter.

**12/18 BUDGET 2019/20**

The Committee considered a financial statement, a copy of which had been circulated to Members, containing details of estimated expenditure on leisure areas in the current financial year and projected expenditure in 2019/20.

**RESOLVED**

that the budget for leisure areas for 2019/20 be approved as submitted and forwarded to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

**Chairman.**