

Northam Town Council – Minutes of the Westward Ho! Park Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28th January 2021 remotely through Zoom at 10.00 am

Present: Cllrs Mrs Hodson (Chairman) Mrs McCarthy, Edwards, Newman-McKie and the Mayor (ex officio)
Co-opted Members – Mrs C Hutchins, Mrs M Jones, Mr S Makeig-Jones

In attendance: Mrs Jane Mills – Town Clerk,
Mrs P Moores – Assistant Town Clerk
Mr G Langton – Deputy Town Clerk Designate
Cllr Tisdale

2101/1068 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Davis and Laws.

2101/1069 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed new Committee Member Councillor Sam Newman-McKie.

2101/1070 Members were reminded that all interests should be declared prior to the item being discussed.

2101/1071 To agree the agenda as published

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

2101/1072 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Westward Ho! Park Committee meeting held on 15th December 2020

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the Westward Ho! Park Meeting held on 15th December 2020 as a correct record. They will be signed at a later date.
Proposed: Cllr Mrs Hodson, Seconded: Cllr Mrs McCarthy (all in favour)

2101/1073 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 3 minutes. The period of time which is designated for public participation in accordance with standing orders shall not exceed 15 minutes.
No members of the public were present.

2101/1074 To consider Action Points

Action points were noted. (Cllr Newman-McKie will provide information on DIY SOS and Peter Sawyer will liaise with her as he has previous experience with these projects)

2101/1075 To consider an update on the Project Plan

The Plan will be updated, where relevant, and put on the website. Matters discussed were Headline Tasks in connection with required repairs for the play area. The Town Clerk was asked to provide a schedule of the completed works for the next meeting.

Action Point – Town Clerk to provide a schedule of the completed works for the next meeting.

The boundary wall will be discussed under item 9.

Designs are being sought for the Play area.

Crazy Golf has not yet been discussed.

The Pavilion – maintenance will continue on a regular basis. There have been problems with the locks being super-glued, this has been reported to the Police. Access to the gardeners' area has been facilitated but an inspection by members has not been possible because of lockdown. It is hoped to provide a video at the next meeting.

The tennis courts will be discussed under item 9, also the sensory garden and removal of steps.

There had been considerable enthusiasm on social media for the idea of a Green Gym. Suggestions were considered with regard to its placement.

It was **resolved** to seek recommendation and to write to the local physiotherapist with regard to suitable items of gym equipment.

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

Action Point – Write to local physiotherapist

- 2101/1076 To consider an update on each of the Task and Finish Groups**
Members gave updates of the situation with their Task and Finish Groups. The Chair of FOTWHOP gave a report which will be circulated to all members. It was **resolved** to contact the Men's Shed to enquire whether they would have the expertise to temporarily refurbish the Crazy Golf.
Proposed: Cllr Mrs Hodson, Seconded: Cllr Edwards (all in favour)
Action Point – Town Clerk to contact Men's Shed.
- 2101/1077 To consider consultation methodology**
It was **resolved** to ask Mr Sawyer to lead on communication.
Proposed: Cllr Mrs Hodson, Seconded: Cllr Edwards (all in favour)
Action Point – Town Clerk to investigate Poll Maker.
- 2101/1078 To consider uses of the pavilion**
Members proposed an assortment of ideas for the uses of the pavilion which will help to define its future.
- 2101/1079 To consider a fundraising events programme**
Members spoke about a number of methods of fundraising and initially it was agreed that Cllr Mrs McCarthy will liaise with the Chair of FOTWHOP with a view to operating a 100 Club, or similar, in order to raise the profile of the Park and the need for fundraising.
- 2101/1080 To consider regulations in respect of dogs in the park**
There was a considerable discussion with regard to the issue of dogs in the park. This will be a future agenda item.
Action Point – Future agenda item.
- 2101/1081 To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 23rd February 2021 at 6.00pm**
The date of the next meeting was confirmed as above.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 12.35 pm

Signed

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