

Northam Town Council – Minutes of the Town Projects and Asset Management Meeting held on Monday 5th July in the Town Hall, Windmill Lane, Northam at 10.00 am.

Present: Cllrs Tisdale (Chairman), Mrs McCarthy, Edwards, Hames, Himan, Laws and Leather
In attendance: Mrs Jane Mills – Town Clerk
Cllr K Davis
1 member of the public

- 2107/269 Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Hodson.
- 2107/270 Chairman’s announcements**
The Town Clerk gave an update on Blackies.
- 2107/271 Declarations of interest**
Members were reminded that all interests should be declared prior to the item being discussed.
- 2107/272 To agree the agenda as published**
It was **resolved** to agree the agenda as published.
Proposed: Cllr Laws, Seconded: Cllr Leather (all in favour)
- 2107/273 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Town Projects Meeting held 7th June 2021 as a correct record**
It was **resolved** to confirm and sign the minutes of the Town Projects meeting held on 7th June 2021 as a correct record.
Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Himan (all in favour)
- 2107/274 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.
A member of the public spoke briefly on minute no 2107/279.
- 2107/275 To consider Action Points**
Action Points were noted. There was a request to put Webcams/Working group at Appledore on the next agenda and a definitive report was requested.
Action Point – Place item on next agenda with a report.
- 2107/276 To consider an update on festoon lighting at Westward Ho!, including information from a representative of DS Electrical**
This was deferred to the next agenda.
Action Point – Place item on next agenda
- 2107/277 To consider a report on weeding (herewith)**
After some discussion it was **resolved** to have a recorded vote on the proposal by Cllr Himan and the amendment to the proposal by Cllr Mrs McCarthy. (majority in favour, 3 votes against).

It was then proposed that the weeding report be accepted and spraying re-commence and to continue until such time as a satisfactory alternative is found that works efficiently.

An amendment to that proposal was put forward – “Should the Council vote to start using glyphosate again that it is reviewed on an annual basis and is not used in the parks and on their surrounding walls”.

There were 3 votes in favour, 4 votes against

Votes in favour: Cllrs Hames, Laws and Mrs McCarthy

Votes against: Cllrs Edwards, Himan, Leather and Tisdale

The amendment was not carried.

The original proposal put forward by Cllr Himan was then voted upon.

Those in favour were: Cllrs Edwards, Himan, Leather and Tisdale

Those against were Cllrs Hames, Laws, and Mrs McCarthy so this proposal was carried.

There was a further proposal from Cllr Hames, seconded by Cllr Mrs McCarthy, that we should purchase an attachment for the strimmer of the steel brush type.

There was a further proposal by Cllr Hames that the vote on his proposal to purchase an attachment should be a recorded vote.

There were three votes in favour and four against, so the proposal was not carried.

Cllr Hames original proposal was considered. There were three votes in favour and three votes against. Initially the Chairman abstained but subsequently used his casting vote against the proposal.

2107/278 To consider the purchase of an additional, suitably illuminated Christmas Tree for Bone Hill (Cllr McCarthy)

This was deferred to the next meeting when it is hoped a report on electrical work will have been received.

Action Point – Place item on next agenda with report.

2107/279 To consider a resident’s request for specimen tree planting along Golf Links Road, between Beach Road and Avon Lane (sent previously)

It was agreed to defer this item for further information to be sought.

It was further **resolved** to agree in principle with planting cherry trees provided all the relevant criteria are met (sewage, electrical and highways)

Proposed: Cllr Edwards, Seconded: Cllr Leather (all in favour)

Action Point – Place item on next agenda with report.

2107/280 To consider the feedback from residents regarding the use of outdoor gym equipment at Burrough Farm

It was **resolved** to investigate the cost of moving the equipment to Lords Meadow and making it safe.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs McCarthy, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale (majority in favour with one vote against)

Action Point – Investigate the cost of moving the equipment to Lords Meadow and make safe.

2107/281 To consider an update on Footpaths (Cllr Hames)

Members’ attention was drawn to Goats Hill path, Bidna Lane and Westward Ho! lower path where work is required during the summer season.

The estuary path was also discussed and Cllr Hames will liaise with Mr Caddy.

The maintenance men were thanked for how nicely they are maintaining the Town Council area.

2107/282 **To consider installation of a dog bin at Orchard Hill (Cllr Newman-McKie)**
It was **resolved** to go ahead with installation of a dog bin.
Proposed: Cllr Laws, Seconded: Cllr Hames (all in favour)
Action Point – Proceed with the installation of a dog bin.

2107/283 **To consider the renewal of the tenancy agreement with BFAA (draft herewith)**
It was **resolved** to proceed with the renewal of the tenancy agreement with BFAA on the existing terms.
Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Laws
Action Point – Proceed with the renewal of the tenancy agreement with BFAA

There being no further business the meeting finished at 10.50 am

Signed Dated.....

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