

Minutes**Northam Town Council – Minutes of the Town Projects and Asset Meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2023 in the Council Chamber, Windmill Lane, Northam**

Present: Cllrs Tisdale (Chairman), Edwards, Hames, Laws, Leather, and Woodhouse

In attendance: Mrs Jane Mills – Town Clerk

2302/859 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs McCarthy and Cllr Himan

2302/860 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman spoke about how delighted he was that the Welcome to Westward Ho! sign has been restored following the theft of the previous sign. He inquired about the situation with footpaths and was advised that the council has requested an extension to the end of February to submit the returns. The Town Clerk advised members that the drain report for Northam Hall has just been received and due to the age and condition of the drainage it is recommended that the drain be replaced. The Town Clerk will bring full information to the next Full Council meeting. Members were further advised that Torridge District Council was happy to provide a new five year- lease of the skate park at a peppercorn rent and to waive the legal costs. Members agreed to proceed with the lease and commence repairs to the skate park. This will be an agenda item to be ratified at the next meeting

Action Points: Confirm lease renewal and proceed with skatepark repairs, agenda item to ratify next meeting, Drain at Northam Hall on Full Council.

2302/861 Declarations of interest

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

There were none

2302/862 To agree the agenda between Part A and Part B

It was **resolved** to agree the agenda

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

2302/863 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Town Projects Meeting held 9th January 2023 as correct record.

It was **resolved to confirm and sign the minutes of the Town Projects Meeting held 9th of January 2023 as correct record.**

Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Laws (all in favour).

2302/864 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.

2302/865 To consider Action Points

The Action Points were noted (Town Clerk to chase Stagecoach re bus shelter)

2302/866 To consider replacement finger posts at Westward Ho!

It was proposed by Cllr Leather and seconded by Cllr Laws that subject to receipt of the locality grant that the Town Council proceeds with the purchase of the finger post example and costings shown on page one of the report. There was a further proposal by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Hames that this is deferred to a future meeting, when full details and costings could be presented.

There were two votes in favour of Cllr Edwards proposal, and three against, the proposal fell.

There were three votes in favour of the first proposal and two votes against so this proposal will proceed.

Action point: proceed with ordering the fingerpost subject to receipt of the locality grant.

2302/867 To consider a request from Appledore Pilot Gig Club

It was **resolved** to go ahead and grant permission subject to there being no restrictions in any of the covenants.

Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Laws (majority in favour, one abstention).

Action point: Town Clerk to check covenants and confirm permission subject to no restrictions

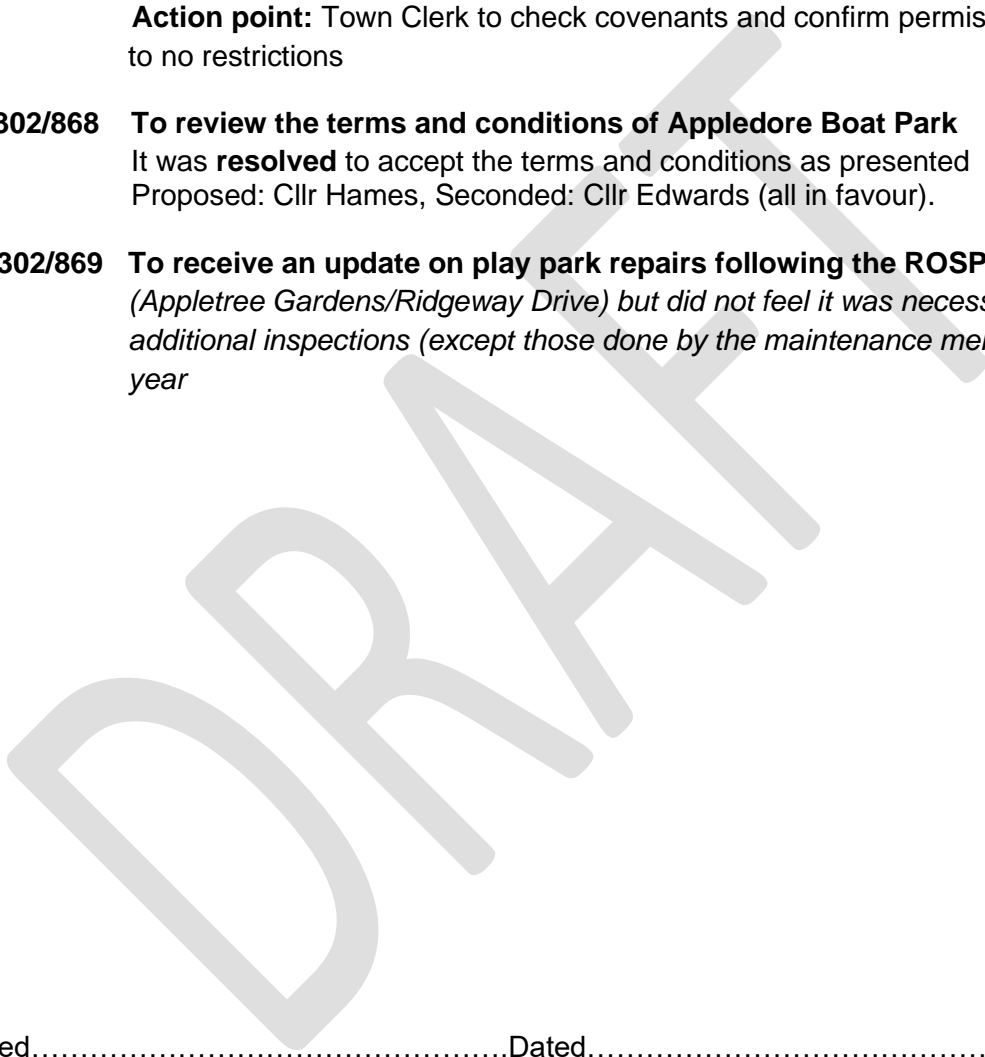
2302/868 To review the terms and conditions of Appledore Boat Park

It was **resolved** to accept the terms and conditions as presented

Proposed: Cllr Hames, Seconded: Cllr Edwards (all in favour).

2302/869 To receive an update on play park repairs following the ROSPA inspection

(Appletree Gardens/Ridgeway Drive) but did not feel it was necessary to have additional inspections (except those done by the maintenance men) through the year



Signed.....Dated.....