



**Minutes of the Parks' Committee Meeting held in the, Market Hall,
Holsworthy, Wednesday 17th October 2018 at 5.00pm**

Present: Cllr. Allen, Cllr. Briggs, Cllr. Hutchings, Cllr. Punter & Cllr. Parker
In Attendance: Assistant to the Town Clerk (ATTC)

903. Apologies for absence

Town Clerk
Cllrs. Parkinson & Stanton

904. Declaration of Interests

The Chairman requested that interests be declared as matters arose.

905. Minutes of last meeting

Cllr. Parker proposed that the Minutes of the Parks Committee held on 18th July 2018, be signed as a true record. Cllr. Briggs seconded the proposal, which was carried. (Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention).

906. Matters Arising

Nothing raised.

907. To discuss and note the Parks' Expenditure and Budget for the year 18/19

The ATTC went through the Parks Expenditure and Income sheet.

908. To discuss possible alterations to the steps in the Playground in Stanhope Park

Cllr. Allen stated that the steps in the play area of the park leading to the trampoline, are too small. The steps were designed for children however, a member of the public has asked for the steps to be enlarged so adults that are accompanying their children to the trampoline can walk down easily. It was agreed that a quote will be sought for this.

909. To give an update on the Rydon Fields Parish Path

Cllr. Allen gave an update on the current situation of the footpath round the back of Rydon Fields, which has been closed, as well as the path from Rydon Bridge which is also closed. DCC have confirmed that they are still waiting on the developer to contact them back with and also confirm that SWW have completed their works.

910. To give an update on the Bowling Club

Cllr. Allen confirmed that himself and the TC will be visiting the bowling club to discuss the possible changes as they would like to extend the building for a viewing area up to the edge of the Bowling Green.

911. To update members on the WW1 Memorial Tree Trail, the BBC Devon Tree and the Queens Commonwealth Canopy Tree/s.

Cllr. Hutchings confirmed the following:

The TC has won The BBC Radio Devon Communitree Competition. The tree (a Cornus Controversa aka Wedding Cake Tree) will be planted in Stanhope Park with a live broadcast on BBC Radio Devon from 9am – 1pm on the .

30th October all 40 trees are to be delivered for the WW1 Memorial Tree Trail. Volunteers are needed to plant the 39 with 1 remaining for the official tree planting.

2nd November Official Planting of the remaining tree and unveiling of the interpretation board. All invites have been sent out to the people that have sponsored a tree with a start time at 2pm.

HASP will be asked if the Pavilion can be used to provide tea/coffee etc.

Geoffrey Cox MP has been provided with five Queens Commonwealth Canopy Trees to be planted in Holsworthy. One of the trees will be planted in Stanhope Park alongside some of the WW1 Memorial Trees. The remaining four to be planted in Badock Gardens.

912. Stanhope Park

Cllr. Allen has spoken with the Maintenance Operative and confirmed that the large logs are to be removed asap. The entrance area at the main gate is to be patched in with tarmac. There are some overhanging branches in the Park that need to be dealt with.

913. Badock and Rowland Gardens - To discuss matters relating to Badock Gardens and Rowland Gardens

Cllr. Allen stated that Badock Gardens looks very good with "100" years mowed into the lawn. Cllr. Briggs & Cllr. Parker also stated that this looked good and there has been good feedback on the Town Council Facebook page.

914. Town Clerk's Report

The TC sent her apologies and the ATTC confirmed she had nothing to report.

Cllr Hutchings raised concerns about the fenced area by the Outdoor Gym equipment as there had been several reports of Anti-Social Behaviour, including possible drug taking and complaints by neighbours. The Police are fully aware of the current situation.

After discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Allen would discuss this with the School with a view to either blocking the gated area to and from the School, added security lighting and or removing the bottom half of the trees to stop youths congregating in this area.

915. Close

Cllr. Allen closed the meeting at 5.50pm

Signature Date