

Minutes of the meeting of the TOWN IMPROVEMENTS committee held at Cowes Town Council Offices, 13 Denmark Road, Cowes on Tuesday 18th October 2011 at 6.45pm.

Present

Cllr McGregor (elected as acting chair)

Cllr Walters, Banks, Birch, Brown, Jones, Robinson, Peacey-Wilcox

327 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Councillors Matthews, Wilcox and Wells.

326 MINUTES
RESOLVED

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2011 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

328 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Banks declared an interest in the Dog Posts, MUGA, Picnic Benches and Victoria Plaque.

Cllr McGregor declared an interest in the Victoria Plaque.

329 NORTHWOOD RECREATIONS GROUND

a Toilets

RESOLVED

1. That this item be moved to the Northwood Recreation Ground Committee agenda.
2. That Cllr Brown undertakes a leaflet drop of homes around the recreation ground to keep local residents informed of this change.
3. That Cllr McGregor makes reference to this change in her next "Beacon" column and that this is also submitted to "Village Talk".

RECOMMENDED

That the Northwood Recreation Ground the committee be allocated a budget from April 2012 in order to manage the on-going costs of maintenance.

b. ROSPA REPORT ON SKATE PARK

This is an urgent matter so it has been put on this agenda despite usually being overseen by the Skate Park committee. ROSPA highlighted a safety issue with the ramps at the skate park where the ramps and the ground level has become uneven. Several companies were approached to give quotations. Mountjoy recommend a more permanent solution to this problem through manufacturing a return plate at the bottom of each ramp.

RESOLUTION

That a quote for the more extensive works recommended by Mountjoy be requested from 3 contractors in time for the next recreation ground committee.

RECOMMENDED

That the quote of £250.00 by Mountjoy to level the ground at the bottom of the ramps highlighted on the ROSPA report be accepted.

330 VICTORIA PLAQUE

This agenda item was moved as Cllr Banks had to leave the meeting early. Victoria Plaque is now in the office.

Cllr McGregor declared an interest and left the room 7.09pm.

Cllr Peacey-Wilcox chaired the meeting.

Discussion took place as to whether to remount this plaque or whether to refurbish the Victorian Victoria Plaque in better quality materials. The Stone Shop have been unable to remount the metal plaque as originally proposed. Given the location salt water will always degrade the paint and lead letters in the marble plaque are likely to be removed. The enamel has chipped on the edges of the metal plaque and the font is out of keeping with the original, as well as containing several mistakes.

RESOLUTION

That the Victorian marble plaque be renovated using a high quality black paint.

That quotes be sought for renovating the Victorian plaque work once a specification has been provided by Cllr Banks.

7.14pm Cllr Banks left the meeting and Cllr McGregor returned.

331 DOG POSTS

i Update on Contractor

Three quotes were requested on this project and Ady Newbold was appointed the contractor to work on this project and then felt he could not do the work at the price he originally quoted. All contractors were asked to confirm that their quote was to specification, Ady Newbold submitted a new quote, Colin Newnam did not respond to the this request but the original quote was reconsidered and GJ Banks confirmed that their original quote was to specification. It was then decided to accept Ady Newbold's second quote provided he gave an additional assurance that this was to the specification given at the start of the process he did this and again was commissioned to do the work. The Assistant Town Clerk requested an update from him recently and Mr Newbold stated that he was very sorry but he was unable to do the work to specification for the quoted sum.

ii Reconsideration of Quotes

The two remaining quotes were reconsidered discussions took place on how to ensure value for money for this project.

RECOMMENDATION

That Colin Newman be appointed to install two dog posts one at each end of the play area, and that the assistant town clerk confirm that this be done to specification before the work starts.

332 MUGA

i Quote To Place Tender Advert In IW County Press

Councillors reviewed two tender adverts, one long and one short.

RECOMMENDATION

That once tender document is prepared by M J Hayles architects that the shorter advert be placed in the next County Press on the official notices page at an estimated cost of £61.80 + VAT

ii Update On Funding – Crime Prevention Grant

Cllr McGregor reported that she has been unable to contact the crime Prevention Grant in time for the meeting to discuss drawing down the grant. Cllr McGregor will notify them once a tender advert is placed.

333 PICNIC BENCHES

RESOLUTION

That the item be moved to the Northwood Recreation Ground Sub-Committee.

334 UPDATE ON PLAY BUILDER AGREEMENT

IWC have issued a revised agreement. Cllr McGregor and the Assistant Town Clerk will meet to review this agreement.

RESOLVED

That Cllr McGregor can sign the new agreement provided that variations are minor.

335 “NO DOGS” SIGNS IN ARTIC PARK

Over a period of time people have been complaining about dogs in Artic Park. The park is now enclosed and has play equipment which means that a dog control area could be created. IWC don't have any signs to put up saying no dogs and these would not be enforced by IWC as the park is not a dog control area. However, the signs at Northwood Recreation Ground (designed by a local child) have been useful in reducing dogs in the play area and there is strong local support to reduce the number of dogs in Artic Park.

RECOMMENDATION

That the same sign design be used as at the Northwood Recreation Ground and that two be ordered from the Sign company in Newport at an estimated cost of £45 + VAT for an A3 sign (subject to agreement from IWC parks department) one be place on the entrance from the Newport Road Rd and one at the other end of the park.

336 UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE OF ASSETS

Ex-Cllr King has been contacted to quote on this work but no response has been given.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Town Clerk gets quotes on this work for the next meeting.

337 UPDATE ON HEDGES IN BARING ROAD

Cllr Robinson has made contact with the resident who was unwilling to cut his hedges.

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Town clerk contact highways to report the matter.

338 UPDATE ON REVISION OF TOWN MAPS

Cllr Jones reported that Paper Pallet are not able to provide the correct paper size for the maps.

RESOLVED

That Cllr Jones finds out if the maps are copy able at a range of printers and bring this to the next meeting.

339 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Park Road Toilets Cllr Walters

7.48 pm Meeting Closed.

CHAIRMAN