



Minutes of the Stalham Town Council General Purposes Committee 28th December 2020.

Present: Cllrs M Baker (non-member), K Bayes (part), P Eden, M Green (part), P Hanton, S Thomas, S Toone, R McWilliams, G Wilson (Chair).

Mrs S Hunt (Clerk)

This meeting was held virtually under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

1. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th October 2020 were AGREED as a true and correct record.

2. Apologies.

None.

3. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr P Eden – allotment holder.

4. Updates on Matters not on the agenda.

4.1 The letter Re; Old Market Road has been forwarded. Noted.

4.2 Hardcore application on roadway at Allotments – update Cllr Toone. This is now available but not yet in place. Due to be actioned shortly.

4.3 Noticeboard for Allotments – Meeting Cllr Hanton/Cllr Eden/Cllr Toone to agree best size for noticeboard. Clerk to be advised which board needed.

Cllr M Green joined the meeting.

4.4 Closed Cemetery Gate Campingfield Lane – Faculty application submitted. Noted.

4.5 Closed Cemetery Gate onto Brumstead Road – painting. Update Cllr Bayes. Next meeting.

4.6 50/50 Highways funding application – submitted. Noted.

4.7 Street Lighting repairs – on order. Noted.

4.8 Community Noticeboard – response received, not possible on Newsagents.

4.9 Tree replacement at Burial Ground to take place in Autumn 2021. Noted.

4.10 Burial Ground extension – confirmed that tree clearance has taken place.

4.11 Emergency Tree Works – Picnic area. Completed.

5. Public Participation.

None present.

6. Town Planning.

6.1 Applications:

Robert Smith Court, St Benets Road. Installation of Ground Source Heat Pumps, retrospective drilling of 20 boreholes at maximum depth of 155m and associated works; removal of existing oil fired central plant room heating system. It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application PROPOSED Cllr Hanton, seconded Cllr Toone.

7. Correspondence.

A letter had been received regarding streetlights. The current outages are all in hand.

An email had been received by the Council regarding the extension to the Burial Ground. It was accepted by Councillors that this was a long and ongoing process and would generate change.

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8. Highways.

8.1 Report from Cllr Wilson NOTED.

8.2 To discuss and agree the next steps concerning drainage in the area surrounding the allotments and staithe.

The ditch on the allotment side of the pathway is the responsibility of the Parish Council. Historically Highways have cleared the pipe under the carriageway from the allotment driveway to the dyke. This appears to be currently blocked. Highways have scheduled to clear the roadside area. Councillors considered it important to look at the area in its entirety – site meeting to be arranged by Clerk – Highways Officer, Cllr Toone, Cllr Wilson, Clerk.

9. Burial Ground.

9.1 To receive a report. Cllr Hanton reported that there have been litter issues, however this is regularly collected. A damaged bench has been made safe. It was RESOLVED that the bench be removed in its entirety and the owner of the memorial plaque be sought. Cllr Hanton/Clerk.

Price for replacement bench to next meeting. Clerk.

Cllr K Bayes joined the meeting.

It was AGREED to repair the bench at the front of the burial ground. Cllr Hanton

9.2 It was AGREED that given the ground conditions and extension the Clerk obtain quotations for both temporary and permanent pathway/drive extension. Diagram to next meeting.

9.3 NOTED a complaint regarding young adults spending time at the Burial Ground.

10. Allotments.

10.1 Cllr S Toone reported that all allotments were let and in reasonable condition.

11. Streetlights.

11.1 Three lights to be replaced during 2021. Cllr Hanton to confirm to Clerk – thought to be 1, 3 and 5 on Yarmouth Road. These are still concrete posts.

11.2 The meeting NOTED the replacement of Brumstead Road streetlight. The Clerk confirmed that the insurance company had been provided with the necessary documentation and were considering liability.

11.3 Current streetlights report NOTED. Currently fly stickers are being placed on lighting poles. Clerk to post onto facebook.

11.4 NOTED that new streetlight stickers have been obtained.

12. Closed Cemetery and Churchyard.

12.1 It was AGREED to turn down the request allowing a 'wildlife area' clerk to request the removal of the old trees.

13. Pond.

13.1 Email from Bure Valley Conservation Group received site visit to be arranged in due course with Cllr Bayes and the Clerk.

14. Covid.

14.1 Noted that the signage on the sanitiser stations have been removed to allow for removal of graffiti stickers.

15. Matters for reporting or future agenda.

Ground water survey – Burial Ground. Awaiting quotation.

Ivy on Cemetery Walls.

Next Meeting of full Council – Monday 11th January 2021

Next Meeting of Leisure Committee – Monday 25th January 2021

Next Meeting of General Purposes committee – Monday 22nd February 2021.

The meeting closed at 19.53pm.

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