

MINUTES OF THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at the Town Hall on
Wednesday, 2nd March 2016 at 10.00am

Present: Cllr C Bentley
Cllr D Frame
Cllr V Hawkins
Cllr G Moss
Cllr J Trower (Chair)

In Attendance: Mrs B Ball – Town Clerk
Mrs M Holmes – Deputy Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

Councillors Chapman and Wilkinson. Apologies accepted.

2. Minutes of Meeting held 2nd February 2016

2.1 Cemetery – Removal of Waste Soil

The Deputy Clerk reported that the quote for removing the waste following an interment had been reduced to £70 per grave. Proposals for Cemetery Fees would be going to Council in March.

2.1 Railings at Garden of Rest

Councillor Trower asked that this matter be put on hold until such time as the work at the Garden of Rest/Old Man's Parliament was complete.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

3.1 Scaur Bank - Trees

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the work had been completed and a lot of dead wood had been removed from the avenue of Lime trees.

3.2 Scaur Bank – Play Equipment

The Deputy Clerk reported she and the Town Clerk had a very useful meeting with the Playground & Fabrication Manager of LCC. He had a wealth of knowledge and it had proved a very useful meeting. He had been surprised at the amount of bark retained within the play area after the recent flooding and thought we should continue with that safety surface - in a riverside park in Otley all the wet pour surface needed to be replaced. It was suggested that if we do look to refurbish the play area that we extend it to enable us to include more equipment. Before obtaining quotes from play companies we need to be able to have the following information: an indicative budget; the age range of the users; and whether or not we want inclusive play items. To refurbish the (extended) play area, retaining the climbing pyramid, would cost in the region of £80k.

3.3 Sandringham Park Flag Pole

The Deputy Clerk reported that one of the companies who had quoted for a fibreglass pole would not quote for an aluminium pole as they did not feel it was appropriate to have an aluminium pole in the play area. The following quotes had been received:

Mad4Mowers (web)

£324.92 + VAT

The Committee asked that a quote be obtained from County Mowers and

Resolved: To recommend the purchase of a Stihl BR500 Backpack Blower from the cheapest local company.

A quote for a Stihl BR500 Backpack Blower was subsequently obtained from County Mowers, namely £385.00 + VAT

5. Dog Park in Wetherby

Councillor Hawkins had been approached by a neighbour asking if a Dog Park in Wetherby could be considered. This would be a full fenced area with plenty of dog-poo bins where owners could exercise their dogs off the lead away from other members of the public/children. The idea was discussed but it was felt that there sufficient green space areas in Wetherby where local dog owners already exercise their dogs off the lead. It was agreed that this idea should not be pursued at the current time.

6. Scaur Bank - Drainage

The Deputy Clerk reported that a local resident had drawn attention to a waterlogged area of Scaur Bank. The area in question is at the far right hand side of the area after coming down the steps. Following discussion, Councillors Moss and Trower agreed to visit the area to have a look at the situation.

7. Members Observations of Green Spaces

7.1 Water Supply – Garden of Rest

Councillor Trower confirmed that the new water supply in the Garden of Rest required a triangular key. It was agreed that he would buy an appropriate key and pass this to the Town Clerk.

7.2 Seats outside Old Man's Parliament

Councillor Trower asked if the seats at either side of the door into the Old Man's Parliament could be sanded down. The Town Clerk reported that this would be done in the spring/early summer when conditions allowed.

7.3 Masons Field

Councillor Hawkins reported that he had visited Masons Field recently and it was very wet across the whole grassed area. It was agreed that this area would be monitored but there had been unprecedented rain this winter.

8. Items for Information

There were no items for information.

9. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would liaise with the Chair to arrange the date and time of the next meeting which would, hopefully, take place on a Wednesday.

The meeting closed at 10.40am

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