



WETHERBY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at the Town Hall on
Wednesday, 15th February 2017 at 9.15am

Present: Cllr C Bentley
Cllr H Chapman (Chair)
Cllr D Frame
Cllr V Hawkins
Cllr G Moss
Cllr G Wilkinson

In Attendance: Mrs I Taylor – Town Clerk
Mrs M Holmes – Deputy Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of Meeting held 2 November 2016

These were circulated for information only, having been approved by Council at the February meeting.

3. Tree in Masons Field

The Deputy Clerk reported that the tree in question was not diseased, however it did overhang the property of a resident on Third Avenue. After considering the matter and the letter received from the resident, the Committee agreed that an offer should be made to the resident.

4. Fence at Butterwick Gardens

Photographs of the post and rail fence at Butterwick Gardens were considered. When this matter was last discussed by the Committee it was agreed that if the fence fell into disrepair it should be removed (rather than being repaired). Following discussion it was agreed that the fence should be removed. There was no urgency but it would be included on the Town Handyman's schedule of work.

5. Use of Green Space Areas for Urban Orienteering Event

A request to use green space areas in Wetherby had been received from Claro Orienteers. Following consideration of the information provided and discussion it was agreed that permission to use the green space areas for the event should be granted but the recommended parking should be at the Station Car Park (off Linton Road). This will be more convenient for participants if the registration/start is at Millennium Field. The organisers should also be asked to remove any litter on the courses(s) whilst removing the control sites.

6. Signage Policy

This matter had been brought back to the Committee following several requests for banners and to seek clarification as to whether or not sponsorship was allowed on the banners. Following discussion:

Resolved: To recommend that the Signage Policy be amended so that no sponsorship is allowed on any banners erected on Council Property.



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7. Red Kite Bike Trails

A report prepared by the Town Clerk was considered. Following discussion:

Resolved:

1. To agree to allow the construction of a junior bike skills area/track on the triangular piece of land adjacent to Millennium Field
2. To recommend that the Council should take on the responsibility for the ongoing running and maintenance of two bike skills areas and to proceed with the acquisition of the land off the Harland Way to facilitate this.

8. Incidents in Green Space Areas

8.1 Garden of Rest

Members were informed that a pane of glass in the Old Mans' Parliament had been broken and the replacement was still awaited.

8.2 Masons Field

A member of the public was using the rubbish bin to dispose of household waste. Leeds City Council Enforcement had been informed and were trying to establish who was doing this.

9. Members' Observations of Green Spaces

9.1 Bridgefoot Sculpture

Cllr Chapman informed the meeting that Wetherby in Bloom were prepared to arrange for a plaque, with identical wording to that currently immediately in front of the sculpture, to be placed nearer the railings so that it can be read by passers-by. It was agreed that Wetherby in Bloom be allowed to arrange for the plaque.

10. Items for information

There were no items for information.

11. Ground Maintenance Contract for 2017

The quote for the Ground Maintenance Contract for 2017 was considered and approved.

12. Grass cutting contract 2017-22

12.1 Exclusion of press and public for Item 12.2

Resolved: It was resolved that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the public bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 as amended – because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted - the meeting be not open to the public during the session of item 12.2.

COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

12.2 Consideration of Grass Cutting Tenders received.

The tenders received were considered. The Town Clerk was authorised to meet with a number of the contractors to ensure that their submitted tenders would meet the Council's requirements.

CONCLUSION OF PRIVATE SESSION



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12.3 Recommended Contractor

This matter was deferred until the next meeting in order that the Town Clerk's could report on her discussions.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Wednesday, 8th March 2017 at 9.45am in the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.30am

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