



# WETHERBY TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at the Town Hall on  
Thursday, 6 April 2017 at 10.00am

Present: Cllr H Chapman (Chair)  
Cllr G Moss  
Cllr G Wilkinson

In Attendance: Mrs M Holmes – Deputy Clerk

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Bentley, Frame and Hawkins. Apologies accepted. Apologies for absence had also been received from the Town Clerk.

### 2. Informal discussion with Ian Stuart, Estates Property Manager for West Yorkshire Police

Mr Stuart outlined the background to his request to meet with representatives of WTC. An officer residing in one of the Police Houses has submitted a request to buy the property under the right to buy scheme. As the boundary to the property is part of the curved wall to the left of the Gatehouse (looking from the roundabout) West Yorkshire Police had to consider what was to happen to the Gatehouse and Wall. It was agreed that the Gatehouse was a very important and attractive entrance to the town. Following discussion, Mr Stuart was asked to seek legal advice to clarify if the wall and Gatehouse could be excluded from the transfers as and when the houses were sold. He undertook to do this and will confirm the decision to the Council.

### 2. Minutes of Meeting held 8 March 2017

The Minutes had been approved by members of the Committee and approved and received by Council on 14 March 2017.

### 3. Matters Arising

#### 3.1 Bench on Deighton Road (Minute 7.6)

Cllr Wilkinson confirmed that he and his fellow Ward Councillors were prepared to put £400 towards the cost of a new bench (50% of the cost of a metal bench). Thanks were expressed to the Ward Councillors. The Deputy Clerk was asked to cost a wooden bench which may reduce the overall cost of replacing the bench.

### 4. Mason Field – Deed between Wetherby Town Council and Fields in Trust

The Deputy Clerk explained the purpose of the document was to safeguard the future of Mason Field as a public playing field and recreation ground. The draft Deed of Dedication was considered and approved.

### 5. Bike Trail – Little Toe Section

The Deputy Clerk outlined the progress being made on the junior skills area to be called Little Toe. Wetherby Bike Trails are planning to start marking out the track on 20 April with stone being delivered on 21 April and excavation starting on 22 April. The members of Wetherby Bike Trails are hoping that the area will be finished in time for the Tour de Yorkshire on 29 April. Correspondence had been received from residents living in the area of Little Toe. The concerns expressed were mainly relating to on-going maintenance; noise



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nuisance and the on-going risk of the area becoming a focus of anti-social behaviour. The Deputy Clerk was asked to respond confirming that the Council was taking responsibility for the on-going maintenance and the area would be inspected on a regular basis as were all the green space areas owned by the Council. The area would be monitored for anti-social behaviour.

## **6. Members observations of Green Space Areas**

### **6.1 Scaur Bank**

Cllr Moss asked for an up-date on the play area proposals for Scaur Bank. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that responses had been collated and it was hoped that a meeting with a number of play equipment providers would be arranged in the near future. After receiving the proposals the schools and others, who had expressed an interest in being involved in the project, would be asked to comment.

### **6.2 Jubilee Gardens**

Cllr Chapman reported that there had been vandalism at Jubilee Gardens. Youths who had been drinking in the Gardens had been asked to leave when the volunteer went to lock the gardens. However, they returned and had damaged some plants and vomited over the stone steps. Their point of entry appeared to be the gate near Wharfedale House which is fairly low and allows easy access to the Gardens. Cllr Wilkinson will be attending a meeting at the Home on 5 May and will mention the matter at that meeting. The possibility of erecting CCTV signs was discussed.

## **8. Date of Next Meeting**

The Deputy Clerk will liaise with the Chair to arrange the next meeting

The meeting closed at 11.00am

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