

MINUTES OF THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at the Town Hall on
Wednesday, 8th June 2016 at 10.00am

Present: Cllr D Frame
Cllr V Hawkins
Cllr J Trower (Chair)

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

1. Apologies for absence

Councillors Bentley, Chapman, Moss and Wilkinson. Apologies accepted.

2. Minutes of Meeting held 2nd March 2016

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

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

3.1 Sandringham Park Flag Pole

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the flag pole had been erected and looked a more solid structure than the previous flagpole.

4. Nidd Approach Play Area

4.1 Fence/Hedge

The Deputy Clerk reported that the Town Clerk had received a letter from a resident of Washburn Court who wished to replace his fence with a hawthorn hedge. Following discussion The Deputy Clerk was asked to write to the resident confirming that he may plant a hawthorn hedge on his side of the fence and suggested that the fence remain until such time as the hawthorn hedge was established. It would be the resident's responsibility to maintain the hedge on both sides.

The Deputy Clerk was asked to write to the resident whose garden was to the right of the ginnel (looking from Nidd Approach) to ask that he cut his hedge back as it was overhanging the play area and making it difficult for the grass cutter.

The Deputy Clerk will also write to the resident at 2 Rye Garth asking that the Lleyandi hedge be cut back to the boundary in order that the grass cutter can gain easy access to the Nidd Approach Play.

4.2 Ginnel between Derwent Rise and Aire Road

The Deputy Clerk reported that she had received a letter from a local resident complaining that a resident in Derwent Rise was allowing effluent to flow from his garden into the ginnel between Derwent Rise and Aire Road. Following discussion it was agreed that the Deputy Clerk respond to the resident confirming that if it is effluence that is flowing into the ginnel she should contact Yorkshire Water, if it is surface water that is being directed into the ginnel she should contact Parks and Countryside at Leeds City Council.

4.3 Play Equipment

The Deputy Clerk informed the meeting that the Town Clerk had received an email from a local resident who, whilst acknowledging that money was tight, asked if something could be done to make the play area more attractive. The Springer that was installed at Scaur Bank in 2015 had cost £732.00 + VAT. Enquiries had indicated that prices had not risen appreciably in the last 12 months. It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk should obtain alternative prices but subject to Sovereign being the cheapest as they had in the past –

Resolved: To recommend that a Springer be purchased at a cost of no more than £800 + VAT and installed at Nidd Approach play area.

5. Members Observations of Green Spaces

5.1 Seats outside Old Man's Parliament

Councillor Trower asked when the seats in the Garden of Rest would be sanded down and re-painted. The Town Clerk confirmed that it was hoped we would have the worker from the YOI in the next two to three weeks and the painting of the seats was one of the jobs that would be done when they were available.

6. Items for Information

There were no items for information.

7. 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.

The meeting closed at 10.30am

JT/MH