

# POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Lands & Property Committee of the Town Council held in the Meeting Room of the Town Meeting Room The Old Courthouse George Street on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009 commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllr Petrie (Chairman), Cllrs Cooper, Elliott, Held, Perry, Shepherd, Scaife Sykes & Wilkinson

In attendance: The Town Clerk & 25 members of the public and one member of the press

1. The notice of the meeting was accepted.
2. Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Dexter
3. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Elliott declared a personal interest in allotments, Cllr's Wilkinson & Scaife a personal interest in playparks and Cllr Held a personal interest in street furniture.
4. Consider suspension of standing orders to allow a discussion on Broadmanor  
Cllr Elliott proposed suspending standing orders. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Perry and agreed.  
The people who had attended from Broadmanor were then asked to give their views on the proposal to place play equipment on Broadmanor. The following points were raised:  
The consultation was not fair – not everyone on Broadmanor had received a questionnaire.  
Play equipment which was already installed in the town was underused.  
There was a fear that any equipment would be vandalised and that it would become a congregation area for undesirables.  
The fitting of play equipment would lead to more cars visiting the area.  
A lot of people who live on Broadmanor were unaware that the green was designated a play area.  
There was a lack of trust in the local council – there was a feeling that the decision had already been made.  
There was a demand for an independent survey of peoples views who live on Broadmanor.  
By installing play equipment you could be creating a problem of policing the area.  
The area was already used for traditional games and there was no need for play equipment.  
Residents did not want to open their curtains to look out over play equipment.  
Play facilities could be improved at Burnby Hall Gardens.  
Who would maintain the equipment?  
There is a real need for play equipment on the Broadmanor estate  
Concern was expressed that youngsters from Broadmanor should have somewhere to play.  
Why would the installation of play equipment lead to more vandalism?  
A small fenced off area for younger children would be a real improvement.  
The equipment could be tastefully designed so it is not an eyesore.

Councillor Wilkinson read out the history of the green space (document attached to these minutes). The council had asked to lease the land from ERYC with the intention of putting play equipment on the site. It was necessary to have control over the land before funders would grant finance for such a project. In view of the concerns & different views expressed the council would undertake to leaflet the

whole Broadmanor Estate asking for every householders view. An assurance was given that no action would be taken until the result of this questionnaire was known. The Pocklington Playpark Group have a remit to provide play equipment throughout the town and when they did their initial consultation with schoolchildren before The Croft Playpark was improved the children expressed a desire for play equipment on Broadmanor. The next meeting of the group was scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 6.30pm at the council offices. Everyone is invited to attend.

Everyone was thanked for attending and reminded of the Annual Council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009 now relocated to the Studio at the Arts Centre.

5. Discuss the possibility of installing a skatepark on West Green Chris Wilson and two of his fellow skateboarders gave a resume of their requirements. He said it was a growing sport after the Olympics with a number of dedicated enthusiasts locally. He said it was very difficult to operate in the town – people were concerned about damage to structures and the danger they caused near roads and footpaths. An area 20' x 30' was required – the bottom end of West Green would be ideal. The cost of a purpose made concrete structure would be in the region of £100,000. The lads were thanked for attending and asked to provide an explanation of their plan so that our insurers could be contacted. Previously insurance was expensive and difficult to obtain which stopped plans going ahead.
6. Receive a report from the Allotment Association  
Stuart Walker gave an outline of the Allotment Associations progress. The waiting list continued to grow to 53. Other sites were being looked at. They still had an aspiration to build a new building on the site but understood funding was getting more difficult because of the recession. They had encountered a problem of sub-letting which was previously unknown. They intend to offer an amnesty for one month offering those who come forward the tenancy of their plot if they have been there over two years. The AGM was scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Congratulations were given to the success the Association had achieved. The council promised to make arrangements to cut the hedge.
7. Reinstate standing Orders
8. Discuss any work required at Pocklington Cemetery The concrete apron was still to be enlarged. Research had been carried out to see what would be required to bring the grass cutting contract into council. It was decided to keep the contractor but to get the street cleaner to do extra hours to provide extra maintenance. Cllr Held said there were a number of trees growing in the grave spaces. There is a pressing need for a container to be obtained and sited either at Burnby Hall Gardens or the Cemetery. Clerk to obtain costings and report to the full council meeting.
9. Consider any work required at the Croft Playpark  
The clerk had received an estimate for a 'Supernova' piece of play equipment from Kompan. Purchase & installation £4660. Cllr Bryon proposed purchasing this equipment 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Shepherd and agreed. Signs agreed and will be put up as soon as received.
10. Consider repair and maintenance of street furniture  
The bench outside Boots on Pavement in need of repair. An ornate seat made by Glasdon was considered and design forwarded to Civic Society for their

consideration. It is intended to place one seat outside the delicatessen and the Civic Society would match it with one outside HSBC.

11. Receive an update on green spaces in the town particularly in relation to Primrose Wood Cllr Bryon reported a lack of footpath on the side of Burnby Lane when going to Primrose Wood. Cllr Scaife is organising a tree planting day on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2009 in Primrose Wood to which everyone is invited. The ones planted two years ago on West Green are growing well.

12. Update on 1st floor of Oak House The working party had met and will be in a position to provide detailed plans for the November council meeting.

13. Update on Pocklington in Bloom The town was awarded Silver-Gilt in the small town section. Additionally they were awarded a silver gilt for the container planting at the autumn flower show. Congratulations were given for the flower displays in the town.

14. Authorise any payments

Councillor Bryon proposed the following payments be authorised. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Shepherd

**PTC**

	2321	ERNLLCA	Training	90.00
	2322	Clerical Medical	Pension - Wood	37.38
	2323	Clerical Medical	Pension - Duffy	10.92
	2324	Scottish Equitable	Pension - Farmer	14.70
	2325	Cash	Petty cash	81.28
SO		Visual Security Systems	Maintenance CCTV	74.75
			Grass cutting All	
		Glenfield Garden Services	Saints	127.40
			Grass cutting	
		J.R. Turnbull Ltd	Cemetery	587.35
BP		Richard Wood	September salary	
		Janet Farmer	September salary	
		Eileen Moore	September salary	
		Arthur Woodcock	September salary	
		Susan Knill	September salary	
			Erect/take down	
		D.L. Wilkinson	Banner	103.50
		Green Thumb	Lawn treatment	30.00
		Yorkshire Water	Cemetery water	15.65
			bolts pavers rubbish	
		Travis Perkins	bins	38.82
			<b>total</b>	<b>5635.11</b>

**PAC**

	104813	Walt Disney Company	Film Rental	£280.28
	104814	Premier Business Supplies	Cleaning Products	£148.58
	104815	Coda Music Agency	Performance Fee	£1,000
	104816	ARC	Advertising	£57.50
	104817	Local Link	Leaflet Distribution	£240.40
	104818	GT Graphics	Printing	£18.00
	104819	Johnston Publishing	Advertising	£65.00
	104820	Warner Bros	Film Rental	£209.60
	103821	Newsquest	Advertising	£201.25
	104822	YVS Wholesale	Confectionary	£98.99
	104823	Yorkshire Water	Water	£68.43
	104824	Petty Cash	Cash	£150.00
	104825	Mirth Control Comedy	Booking Fee	£86.25
	104826	Rotary Club	Hire revenue	£596.50
BP		James Duffy	September salary	
		Frank Argyle	September salary	
		Tom Stalker	September salary	

Shaun Holmes	September salary	
Richard Garnon	September salary	
Nigel Rudsdale	September salary	
Tom Morris	September salary	
	<b>total</b>	<b>£5,591.93</b>
Michael Derbyshire	Theatrical Delivery	£168.00

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

.....Town Mayor