

POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES

Meeting of the Town Council
Meeting Room Old Courthouse George Street Pocklington
Wednesday 18th March 2015 at 7pm

Present: Councillors West (Chairman), Cox, Jones, Perry, Ratcliffe, Sharpe, Spademan, Sykes, Taylor & Winterton. Fifteen members of the public a member of the press and the clerk.

Prior to the meeting five councillors had signed a petition asking for the subject of the proposal by the Young People Count organisation to site a sectional building on the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field on West Green to be revisited. This had been first considered on 11th February when it was decided the council did not want such a building on West Green.

1. To receive any apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Hutchinson (another engagement).

2. To receive any declarations of interest in relation to any agenda item. Councillors are asked to identify the agenda item and the type of interest being declared. No interests were declared.

3. Cllr Cox proposed closing the meeting to allow members of the public to address the council. 2nd Cllr Winterton and agreed. Les Slow a trustee from 'Young People Count' group then spoke to the council on a paper he had circulated prior to the meeting about an amended request for a five year term to install a modular building on West Green between the skate park and the Army Cadet unit. He said because this was a place where youngsters are congregating it provided an ideal place for the youth club. Maz another trustee then spoke in support of granting such permission. One of the youngsters then spoke in support of the proposal.

5. After a full discussion with those involved Cllr Perry proposed re-opening the meeting. 2nd Cllr Jones and agreed.

6. There then followed a comprehensive discussion on the merits of allowing a sectional building on the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field near to the skatepark for a youth club. Cllr Perry then proposed 'That this council in principal supports the Young People Count' and agree to the proposal from them to allow a modular building to be erected for a five year temporary term. During this period the council will work with Young People Count to get a more permanent structure in place. 2nd Cllr Sharpe. Before a vote could be taken Cllr Spademan asked for the following counter proposal to be considered. 'That consent for a modular building be erected on West Green to be in place for a period of 12months only during which time this authority would work closely with ERYC to find a permanent site.' 2nd Cllr Jones. A vote was then taken with 7 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention.

Cllr West then asked if the Young People Count would accept the twelve month permission and they said they would.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.