

**POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL  
LAND & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

A Land and Property Committee meeting was held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 which commenced at 7.00pm at the Town Meeting Room, The Old Courthouse, George Street, Pocklington.

Present: Cllr Perry (Chairman), Cllr Cooper, Hodgson, Hutchinson (joined the meeting at item 7), Sykes, West and Winterton

In attendance One member of the public and Gordon Scaife (Town Clerk).

1. The notice of meeting was proposed by Cllr West 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Hodgson and agreed.
2. Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Sinton (Work) and Spademan (Work).
3. To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests. No interests were declared.
4. Consider suspending the meeting to allow members of the public to speak. No members of the public wished to speak so the meeting continued.
5. Consider continuing the meeting. It had not been necessary to suspend the meeting to allow the public to speak so the meeting continued.
6. Receive the report on the annual play area inspections for.
  - (a) Victoria Road : The clerk reported that there was one piece of play equipment that required some bolts tightening and that the Zip wire required a service. It was agreed that this work should be done.
  - (b) Broadmanor : The clerk reported that there was no work that was required.
  - (c) West Green Skate Park : The clerk reported that there was no work that was required.

The reports for all three play areas show there are not items that required immediate attention and all the risks identified were very low or low.

7. Update on the work needed at the Cemetery

The clerk reported that there have been complaints about the state of the main drive into the cemetery. It was agreed that the main drive was the priority for work. The clerk reported that the contractor agreed at the last Council meeting can tarmac the main drive but leave the grass strip up the middle. The clerk is to meet the contractor and arrange the work.

The clerk reported that the rock tests on the gravestones has been done and those that require work have been identified. The work is required under health and safety and a quote for the work is awaited the Clerk will chase for the quote.

The deputy clerk has brought the burial records up to date. The current burial rates suggest there is a 15 – 20 year supply of graves. There is around a 5 year supply of ashes plots in the garden of remembrance. The clerk is asked to investigate with

East Riding of Yorkshire Council about suggesting an allocation for a future cemetery in Pocklington.

8. Consider any actions from the clerks report.

The clerk reported on the following.

#### Primrose Wood.

A management plan for the wood has been produced by a qualified ecologist. There are various recommendations in the report that can be undertaken if there is the funding.

During last week's weeks strong winds a number of large branches have come down. Councillors agreed that a tree health survey on the mature beech and Italian black poplar trees in the wood is required. The clerk to obtain a quote for the work.

#### All Saints Churchyard

Work has been identified by the Church warden and architect to make the steps more visible and non-slip. The cost of the work would be £3,000 which the council agreed was too large. All Saints Church to be asked to consider other methods.

#### Litter

The handyman has been working hard on litter picking around the town and its approach routes. The car parks and snickets seem to be where most litter is dropped. East Riding of Yorkshire Council is to be contacted about Robertson Close car park which is the current hot spot.

The clerk to contact Barmby Moor Parish Council to ask if they would like the cycle paths swept and to contribute to the cost.

#### West Green

The clerk reported that following years of events on the field it has become compacted in place and suffers from waterlogging.

The clerk has had a quote for drainage so we know what we might need to budget for a drainage scheme.

Cllr West suggested in the short term that a vertidrain treatment would be useful to do in the short term. The clerk has a quote for this which can be authorised. It was agreed to ask the contractor to undertake this work.

Cllr Cooper suggested that the entrances should have a form of grasscrete, geo textile put in to strengthen the grass. The clerk agreed to look into costs.

9. In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. The member of the public left.

10. Consider the quotes for the Mouse House kitchen.

The clerk is awaiting one final quote.

11. Consider the continued viability of Pocklington Arts Centre.

Cllr Cooper had asked for a discussion on audience development.

It was agreed that a meeting needed to be organised with the Arts Centre Manager, the clerk and a councillor preferably one who is on the Arts Centre Management. The meeting should take place in April after the two new staff at the Arts Centre have started and begun their staff inductions. The councillors would like to show the electorate in Pocklington the value of the arts centre to the town both economically and socially. The economic value is in if visitors stay overnight or eat out before an event.

The clerk reported on the two new members of staff and will report this to Full Council next week.

The clerk was asked about the legal agreement with Buck Inn Yard Management. The clerk reported that the first draft produced was hard to understand. The clerk is to have a meeting with our solicitor and write to the Buck Inn Yard residents to explain the current situation.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm