

POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

LANDS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

On Wednesday 27th January 2016 commencing at 7pm a meeting of the Lands & Property committee took place at The Old Courthouse, George Street Pocklington.

Attending: Cllr Perry (chairman) Cllr Cooper, Jones, Marron, Shepherd, Sinton, Sykes & West. The Mayor, Cllr Ratcliffe, was also in attendance. One member of the public and the clerk.

1. Before the meeting commenced Cllr Sinton read out her declaration of office and then signed the document. She was welcomed onto the council by the Mayor Cllr Ratcliffe. The notice of meeting was accepted.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hutchinson
3. Receive any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests. Members to declare any interests in items on the agenda and the nature of that interest. None were given.
4. Consider closing the meeting to allow members of the public to address the council – no one was present so the meeting was not closed.
5. Receive an update from the Pocklington Allotment Association. No one was present from the PAA but they reported several trees still need to be cut down before the start of the growing season.
6. Receive an update on the building works at Pocklington Arts Centre and arrange a visit by councillors. Cllr Perry reported having a number of meetings with the main contractor. The works appear to be on time and to budget. The project manager has arranged for sub-contractors to co-ordinate with the main contractors to ensure the minimum delay.
7. Consider the renewal of kitchen units at the Mouse House shop together with racking out of the rear store. Cllr Shepherd said the council should not be paying for internal fittings or the racking out of the new storage area. The clerk pointed out the shops storage had been taken away with the refurbishment of the Arts Centre and a small storage area at the rear of the shop was offered. As a matter of goodwill it was thought the council should provide racking. Cllr Jones said he thought we had a legal responsibility to provide a sink for the shop. After a debate detailed costs were to be obtained and brought back to the council.
8. Consider the purchase of a seat to be placed between the town and the doctors surgery. A high quality bench from Glasdon's was of the type fitted in the Market Place where they have proved to be sturdy and cost effective. Cllr Sykes proposed we purchase the bench at a cost of £1022.54 2nd Cllr West & agreed.
9. Consider the future of Pocklington in Bloom agenda item at the next full council meeting. The clerk reported John Barber was retiring from helping after the summer planting was complete and the clerk was also retiring and then not in the position of leading the initiative. It was agreed councillors would be approached to see if any of them were interested in taking on the role of co-ordinator. It was agreed a representative from the Friends of Green Spaces be invited to the next full council meeting so see if they would be able to help.

10. Consider the sale of the container at Burnby Hall Gardens. Cllr Shepherd proposed Burnby Hall Gardens be offered the container for £500 but as we owe £300 ground rent the actual monies to change hands will be £200. 2nd Cllr Marron & agreed.
11. Consider the charging policy for room hire at the Council Offices & Pocklington Arts Centre. The Arts Centre charging was noted. Cllr Jones asked when they were last amended. With regards to the council offices Cllr Jones proposed everyone is charged but they then will be informed of the grant scheme available. 2nd Cllr Marron & agreed.
12. Update on the local transport survey currently being carried out. It was agreed a downloadable copy should be put on the web-site to encourage people to fill it in.
13. Review our inventory of equipment. A copy of the inventory had been circulated. Cllr Jones proposed it be accepted but that the Pilgrimage of Grace monitor at Arts Centre needs adding. 2nd Cllr Marron & agreed.
14. Review our risk assessment document and consider adopting it. Cllr West proposed the document be accepted 2nd Cllr Jones and agreed. It was agreed this will need looking at further next year.
15. Consider any work required in Primrose Wood. The provision of bark for the footpaths was still awaited.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm