



Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

ALLOTMENTS AND LAND COMMITTEE MINUTES Monday 11th March 2024

Present: Cllrs J Bright, K Bright, J Hobson (Chair), S Roberts
Deputy Town Clerk: Julie Belsey

51. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

The Chairman reminded those present of the right to record, film or broadcast any meetings of the Council, committees and subcommittees is established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr E Orhan and Cllr K Pressland. These apologies with reason were accepted.

53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

54. MINUTES

RESOLVED to RECEIVE and APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23rd October 2023. Proposed Cllr K Bright, seconded Cllr S Roberts, agreed.

55. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising.

56. CORRESPONDENCE

An offer of a 17ft Clinker boat to the town council has been made by the 1st St Peters Sea Scouts. Following discussion, the decision was made that unfortunately the Town Council does not have suitable land for the siting of the boat and also there would be an ongoing requirement for maintenance. The Deputy Town Clerk will contact the 1st St Peter's Sea Scouts to thank them for their kind offer, and give the Town Team details as they may be interested.

57. NORMAN ROAD AND NASH GARDENS ALLOTMENTS

- i) The Committee RECEIVED and NOTED the inspection details of the allotments.
- ii) The Committee RECEIVED and APPROVED the risk assessment carried out for the allotment sites.**
- iii) The Deputy Town Clerk informed the Committee that a non-recyclable waste removal had been arranged for both sites in January with a local Man and Van, this came to £580.00. The same will be arranged for next year.

Tree works for the trees beside the Norman Road allotments will be carried out as per the tree survey and also fallen branches which have landed on one of the plots will be removed.

58. CULMERS AMENITY LAND

- i) The Committee RECEIVED and NOTED the inspection details for Culmers Amenity Land.
- ii) The Committee RECEIVED and APPROVED the risk assessment carried out for Culmers Amenity Land.**
- iii) The Deputy Town Clerk informed the Committee that no tree works were required following the tree survey.

The land from 5 Beach Mews is still currently with Planning Enforcement, so no further details are available.

59. MOCKETT'S WOOD

i) The Committee RECEIVED and NOTED the inspection details for Mockett's Wood.

ii) The Committee RECEIVED and APPROVED the risk assessment carried out for Mockett's Wood.

iii) The Committee were informed that it is anticipated that a memorial tree will be planted later this year/early next year in memory of Camille Sutton and this will be in conjunction with the Friends of Mockett's Wood. Also, that the Palace Cinema in Broadstairs had a film night in Camille's memory with money raised going to Mockett's Wood. The Deputy Town Clerk will enquire who has received the money raised as the Town Council manages the Friends of Mockett's Wood funds.

Karen Mackenzie, The Volunteer Tree Warden, is now the contact for the Friends of Mockett's Wood. The working parties have been reduced down to once a month, which allows for more people to attend and a greater amount of work undertaken. They no longer require extra volunteers to attend working parties, though people are still welcome to volunteer their time.

The tree works have been carried out at Mockett's Wood following the tree survey, with the bark chippings from these works used for laying on the pathways through the woods.

60. PIERREMONT PARK GROUNDS

The tree works as required from the tree survey will be carried out this month, as well as a crown lift of the trees from our land that hang over the path and road along Pierremont Avenue.

The spring bulbs have now come through on the central wooded area, which was cleared to allow better visibility to the area to deter anti-social behaviour.

Our Facilities Manager has arranged for quotes for the fencing to be replaced at the rear of the Music Room. This fencing acts as a boundary for the planting, which means that it is cut back from the footpath areas.

61. VICTORIA GARDENS

i) The Committee RECEIVED and NOTED the notes from the Victoria Gardens Steering Group Meeting held on 20th February 2024. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th March 2024.

The Thanet District Council Licence to work the gardens will be taken to full Council to be approved.

The Open Spaces Supervisor at Thanet District Council has granted the Town Council permission to share the storage space at the top of Louisa Bay with the Town Team. Our Operations Officer has been undertaking repairs to the area to make it more secure. The Town Council will arrange for the purchase of a storage container to put in this area prior to the end of March for the storage of tools.

We have received sponsorship from Morelli's and York Gate Ice Cream Parlour totalling £500, which will be used toward planting. Cllr John Nichols has now stepped down from sponsorship duties.

The Deputy Town Clerk asked for the Committee's approval to spend £700 on bedding and rockery plants. **The Committee APPROVED £700 for the purchase of the plants.**

Our Gardener has been working her way along Victoria Gardens and has cleared three beds, and also along with our Operations Officer's help, has also started clearing the rockery, so all are now ready for planting.

Clearance and maintenance of the beds will continue throughout the year and dependent on the outcome from Thanet District Council regarding the extension of the licence, further plans will be made for planting as the year progresses.

Interviews have been held for the new Gardener/Grounds Person position. The successful candidate has accepted the job offer of 30 hours per week, this is to allow flexibility should hours need to be changed due to inclement weather. They will commence work on 2nd April 2024 alongside our current Gardener.

Thanet District Council Open Spaces have loaned the Town Council the majority of tools required for the works and have been very helpful. We will be purchasing some more tools ready for the commencement of employment of our new Gardener.

62. FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting: July 2024, date to be confirmed.

Meeting Closed at 7.39pm
Deputy Town Clerk