

**CHATTERIS TOWN COUNCIL  
LEISURE AND GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING GROUP**

**Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Present:** Cllrs J Smith (Chairman), L Ashley, I Benney, A Hay, W Haggata and F Newell.

**L46 18/19 Apologies for Absence**

An apology had been received from Cllr J Carney.

**L47 18/19 FDC Update**

FDC Open Spaces Manager Mr Bob Ollier had popped in earlier in the day to update the Clerk and to inform her that he would be leaving FDC and retiring on the 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Church Meadow: Works were complete (with the exception of the noticeboard).

Meeks Cemetery: Repairs to the gate were complete and it was hoped the gates would be rehung within the next couple of weeks.

Cemetery: the Clerk had passed the person complaining about FDC officers removing shrubs and bushes from the cemetery to Cllr Murphy. Mr Ollier said the workmen were removing self-sets and illegally planted shrubs.

Wenny Recreation Ground: Mr Ollier promised to pass on Cllr Haggata's request for works to the hedge at Wenny Recreation Ground before he left. He was not aware who would be replacing him.

Members agreed it would be a good idea to make a list of outstanding work to pass to Mr Ollier's successor. They also agreed the Clerk should send a note to Mr Ollier thanking him for all his past service.

**L48 18/19 Matters Arising from the Last Meeting of the Group**

L41) Roundabout near Jacks: Cllr Hay said she had sent a letter to the head of Highways about the state of the roundabout near Jacks. She said the problem appeared to be it was not on a maintenance contract but Mr Les Middleton agreed to add it to the list next year.

Members pointed out the actual roundabout was crumbling as lorries were continually going over it.

**L49 18/19 Little Acre Fen Pocket Park**

1. The Clerk had added in the price of trees to the Memorial Tree Agreement. She had included the VAT on the price of a tree but not on the cost of planting. Members agreed both elements of VAT should be added. This brought the price of trees to £175 for a Rowan, £195 for a Hornbeam and £170 for a Silver Birch. The Clerk agreed to send out a copy of the agreement to all those who had shown an interest in a memorial tree.

2. The Clerk had still to seek a third quote for the pond.
3. It was agreed the Clerk should contact Orchards East again about the community orchard and the sort of trees being considered. In the meantime it had been agreed to hold a family tree planting day on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November to plant the trees which were being donated by Mr Chris Savill. Arrangements were made for the day which was being advertised through posters and social media. Cllr Smith offered to organise a treasure hunt to keep the children occupied. One person had expressed an interest in helping to form a 'Friends of' group and it was hoped others who turned up on the day might also be interested in such a group. A Friends of group would be able to apply for funding not available to the Council. Cllr Smith and the Clerk agreed to take delivery of Mr Savill's saplings two days ahead of planting and to mark out where the trees should go on the site.
4. The Clerk had given the go ahead to R J Warrens to begin work on building up the bund at the price quoted.

#### **L50 18/19 Town Guide**

The Clerk had requested quotes for reprinting the Town Guide. She was seeking a quote for 8,000 copies of a 32 page, full colour, A5 guide.

It was agreed the guide should be completed and laid out by the end of November giving Cllr Smith a short while to proof read the draft and make final amendments before it went to print. Chatteris Rotary Club had originally offered to help with the distribution of the guide and Cllr Hay said she would enquire if this was still possible.

#### **L51 18/19 Town Map**

The Clerk had obtained more information and designs from the company interested in producing a town map for Chatteris. Members agreed it did not represent good value for money and decided they did not wish to go ahead with the scheme, especially as there would be a map in the new town guide.

#### **L52 18/19 Any Other Business**

Footpath 32 Chatteris: Notification had been received that there had been no objections to the Order to modify the definitive map by adding a public footpath running from the Elms in a generally south east and south west direction to the Wenny Road Recreation Ground. Members were reminded the Town Council had taken ownership of the footpath request following the death of Cllr Sandra Rylance. The new Order now had to be advertised for a further 42 days to give anyone the opportunity to question the validity of the order by making an appeal application to the High Court.

Green Dog Walkers Campaign: The Clerk had received more information about the Green Dog Walkers campaign following the Town Council's expression of interest in the scheme. FDC officer Mrs Layna Warren explained the best way forward was for volunteer groups to work with FDC and the Town Council. The volunteers could sign up pledgers and the Council could provide the funding for pledge brochures and promotions such as dog tags, dog poo bags, arm bands or pin badges. Whittlesey Town Council had donated about £750 to pay

for engraved dog tags and dog poo bags which were handed out to pledgers. The Financial Officer had confirmed that there was an underspend on the playgrounds and recreation budget which could be used to purchase items. A discussion took place on whether dog tags or arm bands would be more popular and visible or whether to give pledgers a choice of either. It was agreed the Clerk should contact Whittlesey Town Council and ask them what was popular and if they had had any teething problems.

Cllr Benney said he had seen dog poo bag dispensers on lampposts abroad which had been popular.

Care Network: An email had been received from Care Network Cambridgeshire who were working with Fenland District Council's Golden Age Programme to apply for funding to deliver community development work in one or two locations in Fenland. The idea was that after the piloting phase the activities could potentially be rolled out across the district. Towns were asked if they had need of a Good Neighbour Scheme, a Time Bank, a Skills Share Scheme or another suggestion. Members agreed a Good Neighbour Scheme would be of most benefit to Chatteris.

Transport Strategy Meeting: Cllr Haggata and the Clerk had already agreed to attend the Market Town Transport Strategy meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> November but the Council had been offered an extra place and Cllr Smith expressed an interest in attending.

Fenland Travel Champion: Information had been received about a Travel Champion training session on the 13<sup>th</sup> December at Fenland Hall, March.

Victoria Street: Cllr Ashley said a resident of Victoria Street had again been informed by a 101 operator that illegal parking in the street was nothing to do with the police it was a council matter. It was agreed the Clerk should inform Sgt Lugg that wrong information was being given out by 101 operators.

Flag: The theft of a flag from the war memorial on the night before Remembrance Sunday had, unfortunately, not been caught on camera by the CCTV system.

### **L53 18/19 Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed the next meeting should be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Cllr Smith asked for the review of the community/town plan to go on the agenda.