

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER AT FOWEY TOWN HALL AT 6.00 PM

Minutes taken by Cllr Mr Patrick Hughes

Present: Cllr Ruth Finlay, Cllr Lynn Simms, Cllr Rhianna Cooke, Cllr Patrick Hughes

1. To receive apologies for absence - Cllr Scott Griffin, Cllr Francis Day

2. Declarations of interest

- (a) Pecuniary: None
- (b) Non Pecuniary: None
- (c) Dispensations: None

3. Public Participations/Questions - none

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2019

Proposed Cllr Finlay, seconded Cllr Cooke and RESOLVED that the minutes be agreed and signed by the Chairman

5. Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda - none

6. To receive the report of the Tree Warden.

Cllr Day - A great pity that the ash tree at Lankelly Close was found to be diseased by Cornwall Council's tree expert. I had very much hoped it could be saved, as it was a very mature tree with a Tree Preservation Order on it. I have had notification that we are on course to receive our two packs of trees from the Woodland Trust, one for the allotments and one for Squires Field. They will probably arrive separately in November. We will need to organise "planting parties" for them in due course. I am booked on a Tree Warden course in Lanivet /Lanhydrock on 9th November.

7. Specific Areas of Responsibility

Old Grammar School Gardens: Cllr Finlay- Restormel Decorators have painted the walls at a cost of £690 and they look good. Sally Pierce has maintained the OGSG and Piggy Lane for £360. We are still waiting for the contractor to clear the trees on the cliff edge at OGSG.

Piggy Lane Triangle - Cllr Finlay. Has been maintained by Sally Pearce.

Pretty Bus stop - Cllr Hughes reported it has been decorated for the Rugby World Cup. In good condition although the Ivy is growing strongly.

Allotments: - Cllr Finlay reported that one of the plot holders has very kindly donated money for a shed to store equipment for maintaining the common areas of the allotments. The Allotment group will be asking FTC for a donation towards improving water harvesting in the next couple of weeks.

Fowey in bloom: - Cllr Simms reported from a note from Cllr Day.

The summer gardens competition in July went very well with a good number of entries of a very high standard. We are now looking forward to the Presentation of Awards afternoon, which will take place at the Community Centre at Squires Field on Saturday 12th October. We are fortunate that Liam Shoemith from Cornwall Parks and Gardens, who was the Judge of our competition, has agreed to come to give the trophies and certificates to the winners of the various categories, and to those who were placed. All are welcome - we will have tea, a raffle and a quiz as well as the actual prize giving.

Local Maintenance Partnership (Footpaths). Cllr Finlay

Agency Agreements – Cllr Finlay. We currently do twice yearly weedkilling at a cost of £1410. There was a discussion whether we could reduce or even stop this for ecological reasons. The views of the town need to be considered. We will look at this again at a future meeting.

Squires Field playground - Cllr Cooke reported that an effective system was now in place whereby any defects raised on the Rospa checks would be emailed promptly to her. If work is needed then Cllr Cooke will seek quotes for this.

8. Squires Field Playground

8.1 It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Finlay and RESOLVED that the Cllr responsible for Squires Field Playground be given delegated powers to incur expenditure of up to £200 pa for urgent maintenance work, subject to the agreement of the Chair of the Environment Committee and the RFO..

8.2. Squires Field future development: Cllr Cooke - Cornwall Council had to postpone their volunteering work to do general maintenance of the play area due to the poor weather. They will still do this at a future date. Cllr Cooke has arranged a meeting with Cllr Finlay and Jaspar of Flashman Track and Trail to discuss ideas and options to improve Squires Field and playground.

9. Risk Assessments Follow Up Actions

Risk Assessments for Squires Field Playground, OGSG, Piggy Lane Triangle were signed off.

FTC will ask Russell to look at Piggy Lane wall to renovate wall as there is some damage that needs repairing.

10. Budget 2019/2020-

Budget spent to date

Squires Field £7650

Grounds Maintenance schedule and Playground Inspection services (July to 30 June 2020) (This is for 12 cuts per year £4482.77 +VAT): Spent To Date: £2,084.98

Waste Management Squires Field and Car park (but not the recycling banks) (up to March 2020 £3,527.76 + VAT) Paid as one sum

Playground repairs (A.C. Harper £1,927)

Old Grammar School Garden/Piggy Lane £1050

(Sally Pearce 60 hours OGS, 30 hours Piggy Lane plus H&S checks £1080). Spent to date:
£360

Restormel Decorators £690

Footpaths (Gold footpaths paid by CC) £544.60 All paid

Grass Cutting LGS (CC pay for 4 cuts with Agency grant of £990.55 and FTC pay for 5)
£1160

Weedkilling LGS x2 sprays £1410 All Paid

EC Total Spent to date £11,995.21

11. To Receive reports from Members - none

Next meeting - 4th November 2019

Meeting closed at 19.30 pm