

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of The Civic Amenities Committee held at the Guildhall on Wednesday 4th June 2008 at 7:00pm

PRESENT:- Councillors G Ellison (Chairman), R Bickford, N Challen,
P Clements, C Riches, P Stephens

ALSO PRESENT:- Councillors R Austin and D Yates
Mrs F de Rejike-Winter (for Minute No. 46/08/09)
Mrs M Small (Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES:- Councillors Holley and Oakes

44/08/09 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Councillor Ellison be re-elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

45/08/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Clements declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. 61(a)/08/09 regarding Footpath 17 as he had submitted a modification order and will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on this item.

46/08/09 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Flok de Rijke-Winter the Tree Warden for Saltash. Suggestions of trees which could have a Preservation Order on them were submitted by Councillors Riches, Clements, Holley and Oakes. It was **AGREED** that a spreadsheet is created and circulated to Councillors showing both Tree Preservation Orders already confirmed and the list now submitted in order to avoid duplication and further consideration at the next meeting.

47/08/09 ALLOTMENTS IN SALTASH

- (a) With reference to the vacant allotment on Fairmead Road, the Clerk reported that the first two on the waiting list, no longer wish to have an allotment and a letter had now been sent to offer the allotment to the next on the list.
- (b) The allotment on Grenfell Avenue which had been given for a two year period, has not been maintained and having spoken to the occupier, he felt he would rather go back on the list and await a further allotment and that this could now be offered to someone else on the list.
- (c) Mr Clark submitted aerial photographs of land which might be available for allotments in Saltash and these will be looked into by the Town Council. Should the application for Village Green status be approved for Berry Park, it would be possible to investigate whether there could be a plot of land available on that site.

- (d) Councillor Austin stated that it was felt that part of the land being acquired for a cemetery extension could in fact be used as allotments during the interim period, when the land would not be needed as a cemetery.
- (e) A letter was reported from Colin Breed MP, pointing out the duties of a Town Council to provide allotments and enquiring what plans the Town Council has to try and meet the demand. It was **AGREED** that the Town Clerk provide an update.
- (f) The Clerk reported that a small article has been included in the Town Messenger on allotments and it was **AGREED** to ask Age Concern if they are aware of people who would let part of their garden as an allotment.

48/08/09 MURAL AT THE UNION INN

The Clerk reported that Mr Whittlely had drawn the Council's attention to a crack in the wall on the Union Inn which was causing a problem to the Mural. The Clerk reported that there was an estimate of £100 to repair the crack and Mr Whittlely would re-paint over this during his normal maintenance. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the repair is undertaken as a priority.

49/08/09 SEAT-CHURCHTOWN FARM NATURE RESERVE

Councillor Austin reported that he is still discussing the provision of a seat with Waitrose and this will be left on the Agenda as an ongoing issue.

50/08/09 PARKING AT LONGSTONE PARK

An e-mail was reported from Mr Masters at the District Council, stating that whilst HDP netting is an option for an extension to the parking area it is only usable when the weather is relatively dry. He suggested that the real solution is probably the concrete product known as Grasscrete which is capable of carrying building and not affected by seasonal variations. The District Council has no current budget allocated for this scheme unless the Town Council is able to support.

It was **AGREED** that the District Council is advised to put the proposal to a future cabinet meeting and that in principle there could be some funding to help such a scheme.

51/08/09 CCTV

Councillor Yates reported that he had had a meeting with one of the companies tendering and had suggested options but they want some further details which he will try to obtain.

The Clerk reported that it has been suggested that a joint meeting is held between Saltash, Liskeard and the District Council regarding future maintenance and funding of the CCTV. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Yates will attend as the Council's representative.

52/08/09

CHRISTMAS SUB COMMITTEE

(a) Councillor Challen stated that he had contacted Flava to see if they would be interested in attending the Christmas Event.

(b) The Clerk reported on suggested entertainers, as follows:-

Elfic	Awaiting cost
Saltash.net band	Awaiting response
Laira Youth Band	Awaiting reply
Town Band Ensemble	Awaiting response
Jazz Band	Provisionally booked £240
Brunel Harmony Chorus	Provisionally booked £75
Wurlitzer Quintet	£200 approx for 2 x 45 minute slots (on stage)
Hi Jack	Provisionally booked £150
Bash Street Bobbies	£480 – Agreed not to book

(c) It was **AGREED**:

- (i) to invite Mr Malcolm Down, Mr Jacobs, the Police and a representative of Saltash Churches Together to the next meeting.
- (ii) that Councillor Ellison ask the Cornish Market if they would be interested in attending (? Victoria Gardens or Regal Court)
- (iii) that entertainers will commence at 1.30pm, on stage at 2 pm. Councillor Austin will draft a timetable
- (iv) that Councillor Challen invites Radio Cornwall
- (v) street closure from 1 – 7 pm

53/08/09

LIGHTING AT MURAL

Councillor Yates reported that he had met contractors and is awaiting an estimate for the proposed work.

54/08/09

TOWN GREENS

The Clerk reported that the application for proposed Town Green status at Warfelton had been registered with the County Council as No. 2718. However, a map of Saltash had been submitted with the application which is not being accepted as it is not of a scale of 1:2500. Councillors pointed out that a map of this scale would be enormous and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk go back to the County Council.

55/08/09

PUBLIC TOILETS

Councillor Ellison stated that he had agreed with the Brunel and Railway Inn where signs should be placed and that he was waiting a price for the printing of the signs.

The District Council had offered the Town Council a yearly lease of £1 per annum for the former toilets in Alexandra Square. Councillor Austin stated Mr Masters had agreed that the District Council would clear the building prior to a lease being offered. It was **AGREED** that Saltash Heritage is asked if this is acceptable.

56/08/09

SILVER STREET HANGING GARDEN AND ELWELL LANE WOODS

Following a meeting with the District Council, the Clerk reported that Elwell Lane Woods would be offered on a 25 year lease at £1 per annum, with the £25 being paid on commencement. The District Council had stated that the footpath would not be cleared prior to the Town Council taking over the lease. There was a query as to whether the Town Council would take on the triangular piece between the woods and the Drill Hall. A similar lease was offered for Silver Street Hanging Garden and Huntley Gardens.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that:

- (a) a lease is taken on all the above, including the triangular piece of land.
- (b) a site meeting is held with Mr Hine to obtain an estimate for undertaking work at Elwell Lane Woods, in order that a grant application can eventually be submitted.
- (c) the County Council is reminded that Footpath 24 through the woods is a gold path.

57/08/09

SALTASH STATION

Councillor Bickford reported that all permissions now seem to be in place for work to commence and the first task will be to demolish the northern annex of the building. Councillor Bickford has stressed the need to keep as much parking as possible.

58/08/09

GROUND MAINTENANCE

Quotations for the various grounds maintenance projects from Hines Brothers were explained. In addition, there was a quotation for bark to be laid in the Silver Street Hanging Garden and consideration given to the watering contract. It was **RECOMMENDED** that:-

- (a) the quotations are accepted as follows and these are closely monitored:-

Maintenance 2008-2009	£11,080
Maintain Silver Street	700
Replanting Pillmere roundabout	491
Planting heathers Carkeel roundabout	332
Re-planting lavender Waitrose roundabout	1,310
Bark mulch Silver Street	705

- (b) the District Council is asked to undertake the watering as usual, up to a cost of £2,000

59/08/09

BUS SHELTERS

- (a) The Clerk reported that the quotation has been accepted and a price is awaited for the additional cost of polycarbonate roofing for the shelter at North Road
- (b) The Clerk reported that repairs are provisionally scheduled for week commencing 16th June.
- (c) To change the roof of the shelter at Wearde Road for a narrower roof would cost £1,800. It was **AGREED** that because of the disproportionate cost, it is not feasible to change the roof but the Council will continue to monitor the situation.
- (d) As there were no further requests for bus shelters, the priority list remains the same.

60/08/09

MEMORIAL CONCERT

There was no report.

61/08/09

FOOTPATHS

- (a) Councillor Ellison updated the meeting regarding Footpath 17 and the current planning application.

(Councillor Clements left the meeting during discussion of this item, having declared a prejudicial interest)
- (b) A letter was reported from DEFRA stating that they now have all the information requested from the County Council regarding the proposed Modification Order Waterside to Coombe Road but due to their workload cannot give a date when they will make a decision.
- (c) the Clerk will chase a reply from Mr Woods regarding further inspection of Footpath 35
- (d) Councillor Clements reported that Footpath 3 remains padlocked. It was **AGREED** that a letter is sent to Mrs L Holloway at the County Council to ask if enforcement action can be taken.

62/08/09

BEATING OF THE BOUNDS IN 2009

It was **AGREED** to leave further discussion of this issue until Ashtorre and the May Fair Committee have decided dates for their events. In the meantime, Councillors will walk part of the route.

63/08/09

FRENCH MARKETS

A French food market was looking for venues for up to 3 days. It was **AGREED** to offer the 19th and 20th of September but to state that the Council feel there would not be enough in Saltash for three days but suggest other Towns nearby. A venue could be the top of Fore Street.

64/08/09

PRESS RELEASES

It was **AGREED** that no press releases were required.

65/08/09

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 2nd July 2008 at 7.00 pm

Agenda item: Recast seals on boundary stones