



ENVIRONMENT & WORKS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 2 April 2008

Present were Councillors J C Kirk (Chairman), Councillor Mrs J Anderson, Mrs L Laird, C McMahon, B Slade, and K F Stringer.

In attendance – Mr D J Morton (Clerk & Financial Officer), Mrs S J Bailey (Assistant Clerk & Financial Officer) + 11 members of the press and public.

E91/07 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Allen reported that Milton Street Allotments recently had had 6 garden sheds broken into. He was advised by the Chair to report the incidents to the police.

Councillor B Slade asked for an update on the application for funding for the fencing at Milton Street. The Clerk & Financial Officer said the application had been turned down on a mere technicality and had now been re-submitted.

Mr S Johnson reported that Milton Street Allotment Society had formed a new committee.

The Clerk & Financial Officer was requested to enquire about the cost of temporary fencing.

E92/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from Councillor A D Foster.

E93/07 STREET SWEEPING ON MAIN ROADS IN MALTBY

The Clerk & Financial Officer confirmed that Rotherham MBC had given consent for the Town Council to sweep main roads in Maltby. He further confirmed that he had obtained a quotation for Kent Sweepers to undertake the work and asked councillors if they would monitor the work carried out in order to assess its effectiveness.

RECOMMENDED: that the Clerk & Financial Officer place an order with Kent Sweepers Ltd to provide one day's sweeping in Maltby.

E94/07 CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

The Clerk & Financial Officer said he was in receipt of the quotation from Blacheres and that he would now make a presentation to RMBC accompanied by Councillor C McMahon.

RECOMMENDED: that the report of the Clerk & Financial Officer be noted.

E95/07 GARDEN COMPETITION AND HORTICULTURAL SHOW

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported on a meeting with the Editor of the Maltby News to discuss publishing details of the gardens competition and horticultural show. Councillor Mrs Laird said she is busy promoting the Horticultural show and had already got the interest of one nursing home and hoped others would follow suit.

RECOMMENDED: that the report of the Clerk & Financial Officer be noted.

E96/07 MILTON STREET ALLOTMENTS FENCING

The Clerk & Financial Officer read out a letter from Mr Cruddas of the Maltby CDT explaining that a technicality had caused the grant to be declined. The amended application had been re-submitted. The Clerk & Financial Officer confirmed that the Town Council's contribution of £5,000.00 was secure as it had been included in the budget for the next financial year.

The Clerk & Financial Officer suggested that the lease between the Town Council and the Allotment Society should be renewed but on the same terms.

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported that he was meeting with the Council's Solicitor to establish responsibility for restoring flood damage on the allotment site.

The Clerk & Financial Officer referred to a request to install a poly-tunnel on one of the allotments and Councillor Kirk declared a personal interest in this matter.

RECOMMENDED: that (a) the report of the Clerk & Financial Officer be noted and (b) the request to install a poly-tunnel be agreed.

E97/07 GENERAL UPDATE

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported that the hanging baskets and planters have been ordered from Hobsons Nurseries.

The Chair said the barrier planting was now in full flower and looked well. The Clerk & Financial Officer was asked to find out when the barriers were going to be repaired by RMBC as they had been reported on several occasions back in November 2007. Councillor Mrs L Laird offered to pot up the plants from the winter barrier baskets and offer them to the charity shops in Maltby in order to boost their funds.

RECOMMENDED: that (a) the report of the Clerk & Financial Officer be noted and (b) the offer from Councillor Mrs Laird be accepted.

E98/07 JUNCTION OF MUGLET LANE AND BLYTH ROAD

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported that he has an appointment with the Council's Solicitor to progress the acquisition of land at Muglet Lane/Blyth Road.

E99/07 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The Chair reported that the government are proposing to pay local businesses £500 per year to allow the public the use of their toilets. Councillor B Slade said there is a piece of land available for purchase near the post office that could site a toilet block. The Chair responded by saying that we had the perfect site and that was our own land. He suggested that we could convert the outhouse and the side of the building. Councillor C McMahon said he had seen an excellent manufactured toilet block that was virtually vandal proof and this would be an option before we go to the expense of purchasing land.

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION (Continued)

Councillor Mrs J Anderson said she was unaware that the Council surgery had been moved from Wednesday to Friday and she was unable to make the new day. The Assistant Clerk & Financial Officer confirmed the matter had been made clear at the users meeting held on 14 March 2008 where Councillor Mrs Bradford agreed to inform Councillor Mrs Anderson of the change of day. Councillor C McMahon said that this matter was not relevant to the Environment and Works Committee and should be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration.

Councillor Mrs L Laird said that Addison Road Day Centre was interested in their students maintaining the beds on Braithwell Road. Clerk & Financial Officer said he would contact the centre to progress the matter

Councillor B Slade said that RMBC would plant out the Memorial Gardens and the Buttercross on the junction of Rotherham Road and Blyth Road if we will maintain them.

Councillor K F Stringer had contacted the Rector to enquire whether the Town Council could acquire the cross from the Bede Church.

The Clerk & Financial Officer was requested to enquire about the availability of the Manor Fields for the Bonfire and Firework Display in November.

The Clerk & Financial Officer referred to an email from Ms D Morton of RMBC Greenspaces enquiring whether the CCTV equipment for Coronation Park could be housed in the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall.

Councillor K F Stringer asked if the Town Council could fly the Union Flag on the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall and the Clerk & Financial Officer was asked to place this on the next Town Council agenda.

The date for the next Christmas Market was confirmed as 23 November 2008.

The Clerk & Financial Officer to obtain 3 quotes for providing 20 market stalls. Councillor Mrs L Laird said the next meeting is to be held on Thursday 3 April 2008 for anyone wanting to be involved in the Christmas Market.

E100/07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was arranged for 11.30am 17 April 2008 in the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall, Tickhill Road, Maltby.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm