Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee Rep 5/ 2018

DATE & TIME	Monday 19 th November 2018 – 3pm
PLACE	TOWN HALL
CHAIR	Cllr Rowan Robinson
PRESENT	Cllrs Bradbury, Cardwell, Doy, Ladd and Rowan Robinson.
	Also present Cllr D Beavan.

AGENDA

Item	Subject	Comments	Action
2	Apologies and Declarations of Interest Minutes of previous meeting	There were no apologies for absence. There were no Declarations of Interest. To note the minutes of the previous meeting. Noted	
3	Standing Orders- public section.	There were no members of the public in attendance.	
4	Environmental matters – timelines and completion dates	 Common/Marshes mgt plan. Suffolk Wildlife Trust will be holding a public drop in consultation on 28th November at the William Godell Pavillion. SWT will then collect data and meet with stakeholders over the next 6 months, and have a final report available July 2019. Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Mgt consultation. The Chairman provided the background to the consultation together with the Climate Change consultation. Discussion proceeded regarding providing a written response. It was considered that Southwold and Reydon should both be defended – noting that ingress water from the Harbour and Easton Bavents were the 2 major concerns. In view of the provision of employment and the importance to the tourism economy it was felt that both parishes should be confirmed as being defended. Discussion regarding realignment. Cllr Ladd advised that Kessingland P C have been working with a multi agency group for a number of years to protect their parish at the A12, and the pumping station from the sea. It was suggested that a multi agency group could be called together in the New Year to include WDC, AW, EA etc. Marshes Drainage Works – Cllr Rowan Robinson presented the list of drainage works and updated members on each. Priority works are the ditches around the Pony marshes/ allotments and Millennium car park. 2 quotes now received for these works – these to be considered in discussions re budget 2019/20. Cllr Ladd provided background re the transfer of marshes back to STC. 	

5	Amenities - Town Improvements— Timelines and completion dates to be established for each project	 Eastern Bavents Footpath – Cllr Ladd and Cllr Rowan Robinson are attending a site meeting re works at Eastern Bavents – and will report back at a future meeting. Boating lake feasibility study – WDC await result of their funding application. If successful, the feasibility study will then be commissioned. Aldeburgh beach signage – resident has provided details of signage on Aldeburgh beach and asked L and E to consider re feeding of gulls. It was felt that it would be more appropriate for this to be dealt with as a 'light touch' Plastics policy to be circulated to businesses within the town. Ladies Walk – plants/ poppies – ideal would be for replanting by working parties and then for the area to be managed. This to be considered as a project for the Spring. Footpaths – consider cutting schedule for P3 paths – and whether STC could assist with extra cut(s) – to be placed for budget discussions 2019/20. Town Council information boards – 2 new Boards required – to go onto budget discussions 2019/20. Flower planters/ hanging baskets – to be considered in the New Year. Marshes Information Boards/agreement on extra boards. Date of installation to be ascertained Cycle racks rear of Town Hall – The Co-op has now received planning permission to reduce the size, and cut back overhanging branches,
		of the trees above the cycle store. Work can now commence as tree works are complete.
		Fingerposts – Surfaces on some of the fingers have deteriorated and
		will be rectified foc. New posts/ fingers to be ordered at same time.
6	Other Assets	2 remaining cannons on Gun Hill final works
		required to the remaining 2 unrestored cannons. Quotes have
		been received for these works and financing agreed as
		previously minuted.
7	Events	Remembrance 2018 – Excellent feedback has been received
		from the events held on the Day. Thanks to all who helped put
		the day together. Briefing note to be complied for the event next
		year re the order of wreath laying and the protocol for
		councillors.
		Donations for the 2 Tommy's received from Co-Op, Tesco, Suffolk Secrets and 2 ptg donors. Adams are purchasing 1 for
		Suffolk Secrets and 2 pte donors. Adams are purchasing 1 for East Green.
		• <i>ST Edmunds Day</i> – Tuesday 20 th November at 2.30pm.
		arrangements made with school etc.
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		 Tree planting – Arbor Day – Cllr Ladd advised that he is liasing with SCC Highways re tree assessment for replanting of trees along Pier Ave. Appropriate trees to then be chosen – Robert Beevor Hillside Nurseries to advise. Event to be held Spring 2019. Christmas Carol Service 2018 – Town Council to support the event. Suffolk Day 2019 – Cllr Ladd advised that Suffolk Day is gaining higher prestige and suggested that the Town Council should consider becoming involved in the celebrations/events for Suffolk Day 2019. Suffolk Day is always to be on 21st June. Flag to be obtained. Cllr Ladd will find out what other parishes are doing for the day. 	
8	Play areas and Open space	 Klondyke new equipment— Town Clerk advised that having investigated the offer of skate equipment from Carlton Colville and Beccles the re-siting of this redundant equipment would not be cost effective. Cost of new pieces of equipment are being obtained by WDC on our behalf. The young people who use the site are to be asked for a priority wish list in the same way as the school children did who requested the Tibbys Green play area equip. 	
9	Other matters to consider/To progress	 Sport/leisure and entertainment leaflet and essential information leaflet/map- Sport leaflet – Cllr Rowan Robinson has met with the sports clubs to progress. Map/ list of defibs to be produced by the Town Council. Blue Plaque Scheme – date to meet with museum is being arranged. Southwold Heritage Project re viewing platforms – Cllr Cardwell will update the meeting once progress has been made on this initiative. A Boards/ Street Furniture – Guidelines to be sent out again. Cllr Beavan advised that the Ferry Road pond had been cleaned by volunteers. Cllr Beavan advised that he is looking into an improved pumping arrangement at the boating lake. 	
11	To receive L and E cttee Financial report	Financial matters – items for 2019/20 to be considered at the budget setting meeting.	
12	Date of next	Provisional – Monday 14 th January 2019 at 3pm,	
	meeting –	Monday March 11 th at 3pm	
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