

Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee Rep 2/2019

DATE & TIME	MONDAY 11th March 2019 – 3PM
PLACE	TOWN HALL
CHAIR	Cllr Rowan-Robinson
PRESENT	Cllrs Beavan, Bradbury, Cardwell, Doy, Ladd, and Rowan-Robinson. One member of the public and the Town Clerk

Item	Subject	Details
1	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	<p>There were no apologies for absence.</p> <p>Cllr Bradbury declared a personal interest re the Boating Lake.</p>
2	Minutes of previous meeting	The Minutes of the previous meeting were noted.
3	Standing Orders- public section.	<p>Member of public spoke with regards to various matters; Advised that appreciated that grazing is important for the marshes but asked whether the 'flash' area could be considered as a wildlife area - possibly a mini nature reserve managed by SWT. Suggested that the number of cattle could be reduced to relieve the area of 'the flash'.</p> <p>Cllr Rowan Robinson advised that the water levels in the area are managed by the farmer tenant who carry this out conscientiously.</p> <p>Natural England are to visit the area next week and Cllr Rowan Robinson and Mr Hancock hope to accompany them</p> <p>Question was asked for an update on the Boating Lake feasibility study and whether all the funding needed to be used on the feasibility study or can some be withheld to spend on the actual works? Suggested that it may be appropriate to have a new restaurant at the venue with the existing one being used as a visitor/wildlife centre. Member of public offered to supply information with regards to the birdlife in the area – details to be sent to the Town Clerk. Noted that the reeds are invasive and do need easing back.</p> <p>Cllr Ladd advised that the CCT grant is all for a feasibility study and cannot be held over for works relating to the project.</p> <p>Cllr Rowan Robinson advised that varying people have various ideas for the site – hence the need for a full independent appraisal.</p> <p>Cllr Bradbury advised that the possibility exists of extending the feasibility study up to Mights Bridge and assessing the situation re water flow in conjunction with the EA.</p> <p>Public left at 3.25pm.</p>

4	<p>Environmental matters – timelines and completion dates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Meeting with EA/AW – Cllr Beavan – 22nd January 2019.</i> Cllr Beavan advised that he had provided his report at a previous Town Council meeting. A response on a follow up query with regards to sampling methods is awaited. Cllr Beavan advised that he is hopeful of arranging a tour of the sewage works in due course. Cllr Ladd advised that he had mentioned these matters to MP Therese Coffey as she is the Environmental minister. • <i>Southwold Beach management update</i> – Paul Patterson will present an update to councillors on 10th April. • <i>Multi agency group meeting - to be arranged.</i> Cllr Ladd advised that Kessingland has been very successful with its multi-agency group – indeed they have received £10m to offset the effects of sea rising and causing flooding within the village and surrounding areas. The MP Peter Aldous chairs these meetings which also include Paul Patterson for coastal management issues. Discussion took place regarding the suggestion of a multi-agency group for Southwold and the surrounds. It was suggested that a brief/remit would need to be worked up before any meeting could be held and that the brief should include matters on coastal erosion, drainage and the marshes. Local agencies who could be invited would include STC, Common Trust, SWT, BEP, CCT, SCC highways, WDC, EA, Anglian Water, Coastal Protection team, and neighbouring parishes including Blythburgh and Walberswick. Cllrs Beavan, Bradbury and Rowan-Robinson offered to draft the brief for consideration at a future meeting – Cllr Ladd to also assist. Cllrs Beavan, Bradbury, Ladd & Rowan-Robinson • <i>Marshes drainage works - await available finances.</i> A sum has been placed in the budget for 2019/20 to carry out extra works on the marshes. Quotes for the larger works will need to be secured as at present there is one quote from the Internal Drainage Board at around £50,000. Other quotes to be received from Mr Colyer and from the contractors who carried out works at the caravan site. Town Clerk First part of works on the marshes to be at the Pony Marshes -clearance of dykes etc. Finance cttee to be asked to consider these works as priority – 3 quotes to be obtained including updated quote from IDB. Culverts blocked -there is a culvert blocked by golf club on way out to Blackshore – Cllr Rowan Robinson has the details – Duncan’s to be asked to quote. Town Clerk Cllr Beavan suggested that once monies allow a budget to be set for ongoing marshes maintenance.
5.	<p>Amenities/ Town Improvements – Timelines and completion dates to be established for each project</p>	<p>Items to consider for town improvements including from previous minutes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Ladies Walk – poppies/planting/ litter pick</i> - 6th April 2019. – Cllr Bradbury advised that the area would need careful planting. Volunteers have been asked for, and the allotment holders have been approached for their assistance. Cllr Bradbury offered to take the lead on this project and will source the poppies. Cllr Doy offered to take the lead on the litter pick along North Parade i.e. off the highway. Meet at flagpole at St James Green at 9.30am on 6th April 2019. Norse to be asked for litter picking items. Cllr Bradbury/ Doy. ○ <i>Marshes Information Boards – update.</i> It was suggested that in view of timescales the 4 original boards which are to go in the following locations; a) by back Harbour Inn, b) below 8th golf tee, c) by Bailey Bridge, d) by rail crossroads, be erected as soon as possible – all to have the same already agreed text. Agreed by all. The remaining 2 boards for the location at each end of Ferry footpath are to have new text -Cllr Bradbury to action. ○ <i>Town Council information boards – see previous minutes.</i> It is intended that the existing boards on York Road and Hospital Green be replaced by weatherproof lockable boards. Cllr Bradbury and the Town Clerk to cost. Cllr Bradbury / Town Clerk

		<p><i>Cycle racks/ loops - /rear of Town Hall – ongoing</i></p> <p><i>Fingerposts – ongoing</i></p> <p><i>Cannons – Gun Hill ongoing</i></p>
6	Other Assets	New bus shelter for corner Pier Ave/Mights Road -suggested that present one stays in place and that consultation be carried out as to whether the other side of the road is preferable for the shelter once police / fire site developed or until Millennium Trust be approached to have new shelter by within their facility. Agreed.
8	Parish Community Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Arbor Day / Tree planting – consider Spring 2019.</i> It was suggested that the arrangements for Arbor Day take place in November 2019 as per the National Scheme. Cllr Ladd is seeking permission from SCC to carry out planting along Pier Avenue – SCC will need to undertake a survey. Individual tree planting i.e. Sue Allen memorial to be done separately to the larger event. Cllr Ladd • <i>Suffolk Day – June 21st, 2019 –</i> Cllr Ladd will advise on the flag that would be required. It is suggested that a flag raising event similar to Commonwealth Day could be held and the Suffolk proclamation read out. Cllr Ladd • <i>Norse litter clean 2019 – -</i> see above for 6th April. Cllr Doy
9	Play areas and Open space improvements	<p>Request for gallopers and bungee trampoline at Klondyke – dates requested by Mr Loades – 25th July – 14th Aug.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding noise complaints received last year. The provider operates midday – 6pm, and the music plays only when the equipment is being used. Provider has requested a shorter period in Southwold than other years when he used to return later in August for extra weeks.</p> <p>In view of the short period of the request and the mitigating measures taken by the provider it was agreed by all to approve the request this year.</p>
10	Other matters to consider/ To progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sport and entertainment leaflet – update.</i> Information is awaited from the football club. Draft has been mocked up. Once all information is available it is suggested that the leaflet be available on the Town Council web site with a small supply being printed. Cllr Rowan-Robinson • <i>Emergency Plan –</i> 2 volunteers are required to assist Reydon update the plan and to carry it out if the need requires. It was suggested that a media release be put out for assistance with this from the Southwold community. It was suggested that the lifeboat / fire volunteers be approached as well as members from the sports clubs. Note to be sent to such organisations asking for the volunteers. • <i>Blue Plaque Scheme -</i> date for meeting awaited from museum – Cllr Cardwell offered to chase. Cllr Cardwell
12	Date of next meeting	23 rd April 2019 at 2pm.

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