

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ROCK PARK TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE meeting held on WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM in the Guildhall, Barnstaple.

Present: Cllrs S Upcott, Mrs E Davies, M Kennaugh, I Williams, G Langford and L Dawson

Also present: W Austin (Town Clerk), I Parker (Town Council Property Manager) and R Knight and Mrs C Chick (Friends of Rock Park).

RP81 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR MEETING

In the absence of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman it was

RESOLVED: That Cllr Upcott take the chair for this meeting.

(NC)

Cllr Upcott assumed the chair.

RP82 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs V Elkins and Mrs J Hunt.

RP83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

No declarations of interest or declarations of dispensations granted were received.

RP84 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 15TH JULY 2015

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15th July 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(NC)

RP85 REQUESTS FOR THE USE/HIRE OF ROCK PARK

The Clerk reported that no new applications had been received.

With the agreement of the Chairman, Cllr Williams asked the committee whether it would like to consider changes to charges for use or hire of Rock Park. He considered this would be an opportunity to raise additional revenue.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk investigate what other parks and local festivals charge for commercial events, stalls and mobile units, and report back to the committee.

(NC)

RP86 MANAGEMENT MATTERS AND BUDGET MONITORING

The Clerk introduced the budget report that had been circulated prior to the meeting. No questions were raised in relation to the report.

The Property Manager presented options for installation of a vehicle prevention barrier to run along the edge of the park to deter unauthorised access.

A proposal to keep the matter under review fell on the casting vote of the Chairman.

Members considered the available options and

RESOLVED: That a vehicle barrier using wooden posts of 200mm diameter be installed, subject to obtaining one further quotation.
(4, 1 against, 2 abs)

The Property Manager presented a quotation for £2,964.35 plus VAT to replace the sandpit, which had reached the end of its useful life.

Members agreed that this was a useful piece of equipment but were concerned at the quoted cost. They therefore

RESOLVED: That other lower cost solutions be investigated, including a like for like replacement, and that a commitment be made to replace the equipment.

(NC)

The Property Manager reported on other maintenance matters. A custom-made replacement for the sharps boxes was under investigation. The pressure washing of play equipment had been completed. The basket swing was out of action due to movement in the legs and the best means of repair was being considered.

Cllr Kennaugh said that the park looked poor and was less useful as a result of grass cuttings being left. The Property Manager advised that this had never been a part of the contract and collection of arisings would increase the costs.

****Cllr Mrs Davies left the meeting at this point and did not return****

RESOLVED: That consideration of collection of grass cuttings be included in the draft budget for 2016/17.

(NC)

****Cllr Williams left the meeting at this point****

After further consideration of the report of the Property Manager
****Cllr Williams returned to the meeting at this point****

It was

RESOLVED: That the management and budget reports be received
and noted.

(NC)

RP87 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2014/15

The Clerk introduced the report and annual accounts for 2014/15,
which had been circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the annual report and accounts for 2014/15 be
received and approved.

(NC)

Meeting closed 2.27pm

Chairman.

Signed.....

Dated.....