

STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES SPORTS FIELDS AND OPEN SPACES MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 30 APRIL 2024 AT 6.30PM IN THE TOWN HALL, STAMFORD

PRESENT Councillor Ed Fancourt (Chair)
Councillor Jonathan Waples
Councillor Bret Allibone
Councillor Rhea Rayside
Councillor Marion Pitt
Councillor Max Sawyer

ALSO PRESENT Acting Town Clerk – Sarah Dorson
3 Members of Public

1. **TO RECEIVE ANY PUBLIC REPRESENTATION -**

- i. 2 Resident raised objections to the proposed new development of the Rugby Club Car Park, Club House and Entrance. The committee advised that this was a planning issue and not a licencing issue and that the planning committee were aware of the difficulties surrounding the application.

2. **APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Habib Rahman submitted his apologies, these were noted.

Proposal 1 – It was proposed by Councillor Bret Allibone, seconded by Councillor Jonathan Waples and **RESOLVED** that the reasons be accepted.

3. **TO CONSIDER ACTION POINTS FROM MINUTES**

The minutes of the Committee meeting of 13th February 2024, had been ratified and signed. It was noted that that all action points were included within the agenda.

4. **EMPINGHAM SPORTS FIELD**

- i. *To Consider Forward Plan for ground maintenance* – Oral report was received confirming positive feedback had been received regarding the ground maintenance, the committee will be looking at bringing this in line with all other ground maintenance contracts when they are renewed.
- ii. *Update on lease offer to Rugby Club & S.106 agreement.*
Proposal 2 – It was proposed by Councillor Jonathan Waples, seconded by Councillor Max Sawyer **RESOLVED** that this agenda item be deferred to closed session.
- a. *To consider Licence to Stamford Lions Football Club*
- iii. *To consider Licence to Stamford Lions Football Club*

Proposal 3 – It was proposed by Councillor Max Sawyer and seconded by Councillor Bret Allibone and **RESOLVED** that this agenda item be deferred to closed session.

- iv. *Schedule for the installation of gate to car park* - It was noted that the work on the restriction gate at the entrance to the Empingham Playing Fields car park has begun. The ivy has been cleared; however, it was found that the gate post is cracked and requires

repair/renewal. A meeting is required to discuss how to move forward. Councillor Jonathan Waples will meet up with the contractors. **Action:** Councillor Jonathan Waples

- v. *Update on UK Prosperity Funding for refurbishment work to the changing rooms* – No update on the project however the paperwork for the fund would be looked into.

5. UFFINGTON ROAD SPORTS FIELD

- i. *To consider forward plan for ground maintenance* – Oral report was received confirming positive feedback had been received regarding the ground maintenance, the committee will be looking at bringing this in line with all other ground maintenance contracts when they are renewed.
- i. *To consider lease offer to Cricket Club* –
Proposal 4 – It was proposed by Councillor Max Sawyer and seconded by Councillor Rhea Rayside and **RESOLVED** that this agenda item be moved to closed session.
- ii. *To consider Licence to Young Daniels Football Club-*
Proposal 5- It was proposed by Councillor Marion Pitt and seconded by Councillor Jonathan Waples and **RESOLVED** that this agenda item be moved to closed session.
- iii. *Update on meeting with SKDC on ground waste and electric services* – Oral report was received regarding the issues with the septic tank following the inspection carried out. It was noted that the tank has cracks which is allowing groundwater to drain into the tank. It was further noted that checks would be made into the status of the electric supply.
- iv. *Update on UK Prosperity Funding for refurbishment work to the changing rooms and Clubhouse* – No update on the project however the paperwork for the fund would be looked into.
- v.

6. RECREATION GROUND

- i. *Hard / Grass Tennis Courts – update on Winter and future* -Oral report was received confirming that following the cleaning of the courts it was noted that starting to deteriorate under the tree line where the tarmac area is, this will be monitored.
- ii. *General booking system for tennis courts public usage* – The committee were updated on the current process.
- iii. *Update on Outdoor Gym operation* – Nothing to report this area is leased to Frank Newbon
- iv. *Update on play equipment repairs* – It was confirmed the inspection had been carried out and the report is awaited.
- v. *To consider proposal of Padel Tennis provision* – Correspondence had been received regarding the use of the Recreation Ground for a Padel Court. It was agreed that a meeting will be arranged with the applicant.

7. MEADOWS

- i. *Verbal report on any associated issues on erosion of bank along Welland River* – Oral report was received regarding the bank erosion. It was confirmed that the banks haven't degraded any further following the flooding. It was confirmed that the initial proposal for the bank works would be circulated to the committee.
- ii. *To consider correspondence received regarding Duck feeding.* – Oral report was received regarding the correspondence relating to feeding ducks on the meadows and the

confrontation from a resident. It was confirmed that the current signage would be looked into, and information posters from RSPB would be investigated and displayed in the notice board.

8. **TREE SURVEY & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE**

It was confirmed that quotes would be obtained for the Tree survey for all council areas.

9. **OPEN SPACES UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL:**

It was confirmed that areas of Cedar Road, Rockingham Road and Casterton Road are under the management of STC it would be confirmed that these areas are being maintained under the grass verges cutting contract.

10. **TO RESOLVE TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING: -**

Proposal 6 - It was proposed by Cllr Jonathan Waples seconded by Cllr Councillor Bret Allibone and **RESOLVED:** That the Committee moves into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

This part of the meeting closed at 7.41 p.m.

Note: The meeting resumed at 20.24 p.m.

Minute arising from confidential item: —

Rugby Club Lease
Cricket Club Lease
Invoicing for Clubs
Staff Parking

Proposal 7 - It was proposed by Councillor Ed Fancourt and seconded by Councillor Jonathan Waples and **RESOLVED** that the new committee reviews all leases for all sports clubs.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next Committee meeting TBC

Chairman
(The meeting closed at 8.24pm)