

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ALDERMAN SPENCE COMMITTEE

Date: 14 November 2018

Time: 4.30pm

Location: Mayor's Parlour

Present:

Cllr E Parkin (Chairman)

Cllr C Powell
Cllr P Horton
Cllr S Hawke
Cllr C Hardisty
Mr S Walker
Mr R Adams

Mrs P Wilson Dr David Duthie

Mrs P M Benson, the Clerk Ms P Hartley, administrator

11-18	To receive apologies and accept reasons for absence.		
	Apologies received and reasons for absence approved from Cllrs S Martin, C Davis & P McHardy (e Officio), D McAndrew, J Newton and A Gray (D Duthie attended).		
Cllr Hardisty elected as Chair			
Proposed – Cllr Horton	Seconded - Cllr Hawke		
RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.			
Cllr Parkin elected as Deputy Chair			
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13-18	To request any disclosure of an interest in relation to any matter under consideration at thi		
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17-18 To receive a report from the Warden and the Ranger and agree appropriate action.

Sam Walker presented his report and the following items were discussed:

- Rats There needs to be further discussion on how to deal with rats that are attracted to food
 waste. R Adams advised that as the weather gets colder, the problem isn't as significant. Cllr
 Parkin will speak to MacDonald's Manager regarding the bins provided by them.
- Pasture/Briar & Sycamore clearing S Walker advised that he needs a contractor to assist with clearing in order to deal with the overgrown plants. Cllr Parkin will speak to a possible contractor regarding the work which will need to take place in July/August so it is too late this year to make any significant difference.
- Dog- fouling S Walker estimates that a large majority of dog-walkers do not pick up after their dogs and that there is no danger of bins over-flowing so more bins are not the answer. It was a matter of re-educating users and it was suggested that appropriate signs be put up asking people to pick up after their dogs (remove the current dog toilet sign) and perhaps ask that the dog warden and the gazette run a campaign to bring it to the public's attention. Cllr Hawke said that he should be able to acquire the correct signage.
- The Entrance It was agreed that the entrance needs tidying up.
 - -Potholes need to be filled in Cllr Hawke may be able to provide some gravel.
 - -Dragon's teeth these need replacing as a priority a better alternative to the current system. S Walker to seek 3 quotes
 - -Fences need mending
 - -Signage cleaned.
- The Hut the original agreement between the Quarry Moor Development Association (who own the hut) and the TF Spence charity needs to be found so that a discussion can be made between the two organisations regarding the maintenance and/or future replacement of the hut. It is currently considered an eyesore. P Hartley to contact County Records to try and find the original documentation relating to The Hut and Quarry Moor. D Duthie suggested that it may be possible to use commuted sums from the West Lane development for a future project to improve the building and surrounding area.

18-18 To receive a financial report from the Clerk.

The Clerk advised that no money has been invested in Quarry Moor this year and that there are funds available for the necessary work such as the Tree Survey, rats and entrance issues.

It was agreed that Cllrs Hardisty, Horton, Parkin, Powell and the Clerk would be able to make decision on choosing contractors without the need for a meeting of the committee.

19-18 To consider quotes relating to the immediate repair of the worn areas and damaged holding rails of the children's playground and discuss longer-term solutions.

The QM playground is currently closed. It was hoped that the necessary works could be carried out as soon as possible so that it could be re-opened. RCC has agreed that anything in the Playground Inspection report that is marked as medium or above would be dealt with as a matter of priority. After some discussion it was agreed that 3 more quotes need to be sourced from timber suppliers to mend the holding rails and supply the appropriate bark chippings. It was felt that for the purposes of replenishing the bark and mending the rails that the work did not need to be carried out by a playground company.

Proposed – Cllr Hawke

Seconded Cllr Parkin

RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.

20-18	To receive and consider an email from LCAS Zurich Insurance relating to Tree Liabilities.		
-	It was agreed that a plan needs to be put into place so that any issues relating to trees on site can be dealer		
	with properly. A tree survey needs to be carried out as a matter of priority. See item 21-18		
21-18	To consider quotes relating to carrying out a tree survey		
20	P Hartley to write to HBC to accept their quote.		
22-18	To consider quotes relating to automatic gate annual inspection.		
22-10	It was agreed to accept Autogate ASE's quote for a one year service.		
	Proposed – Cllr E Parkin Seconded - Cllr P Horton		
22.40	RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.		
23-18	To discuss the setting up of a Friends of Quarry Moor Group – P Hartley to do the initial setting up		
	and admin until established.		
	1. A venue and date will be agreed via email for the New Year. S Walker agreed to do a presentation		
	at the meeting. Once the weather is warmer, meetings can take place at Quarry Moor.		
	- It was suggested that the Clerk asks Cllr Martin to approach the Gazette and request that R		
	Adams' regular column is re-instated to publicise the activities in Quarry Moor and the call out		
	for volunteers.		
24-18	To consider the following matters and agree appropriate action:		
	Anti-social behaviour; dog-walkers – see item 17-18		
	2. Playground vandalism – see item 19-18		
	3. Engaging other communities - Such as the Quarry Moor Development Association (S Brierly is		
	always invited to attend QM meetings).		
	4. Recent damage to trees – The Clerk has written to all residents in Quarry Moor Park in response		
	to unauthorised works to trees on the site where it boundaries the caravan park. Residents have		
	felled trees on the site. Natural England were made aware at the time of the incident.		
25-18	Natural England Management Plan and Higher Level Stewardship documentation		
	This is soon coming to an end (2022?) It was agreed that Natural England be contacted and asked if it		
	was going to be renewed.		
26-18	To agree the time and date of the next Working Committee meeting.		
	That the next meeting be held on 30 th January 2018, 4.30pm, Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Ripon.		
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SIGNED: DATE:			

CHAIRMAN