

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

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019

*Time:* 4.30pm

Location: Council Chamber

## Present:

Cllr P McHardy (ex officio) arrived at 16:42

Cllr C Powell Cllr C Davis Cllr S Hawke

Cllr C Hardisty (Chair) arrived at 16:42

Cllr S Martin (Chaired the meeting by unanimous agreement

until Cllr Hardisty arrived) Mr S Walker, Steward

Mr R Adams, Warden

Mrs P Wilson

Ms P Hartley, taking the minutes

15-19	To receive apologies and accept reasons for absence.				
	Apologies received and reasons for absence approved from Cllr Parkin, Cllr Horton, Mrs A Gray and Mrs				
	P Hardisty				
16-19	To request any disclosure of an interest in relation to any matter under consideration at this				
	meeting (financial or otherwise) & to consider any written requests for dispensation.				
	None.				
17-19	Members of the public are invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the committee on any agenda item as listed below.				
	None.				
18-19	To receive and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2019				
	That the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate account of proceedings				
	Proposed – Cllr Hawke Seconded - Cllr Powell				
	RESOLVED unanimously				
19-19	To receive a report from the Warden and the Ranger and agree appropriate action.				
	S Walker:				
	On most Wednesdays, there are volunteers assisting the warden and steward with various tasks.				
	These volunteers also help in other areas that S Walker is responsible for. Because of this extra				
	help, we are a month ahead with planned sycamore clearing and most of the footpaths have been				
	cleared.				
	The Steward would like to request that 20 tonnes of limestone gravel be purchas	ed to finish the			
	final stretch of path (near the Hut) that was not completed previously. He estimates that it will cost				
	about £300. The committee agreed in principal to this spend so that if the money is available, it				
	can be ordered immediately.				

Proposed – Cllr Martin

Seconded - Cllr Hawke

**RESOLVED** unanimously

The brambles will need to be cleared mechanically in September. Then the steward and volunteers
can manage the rest with the equipment available to us already. S Walker estimates £350-£400
costs. P Hartley to seek quotes from contractors. The committee agreed in principal to find a
suitable contractor if the funds are available

Proposed – Cllr Martin

Seconded - Cllr Hawke

RESOLVED unanimously

- It would be beneficial to the upkeep of the pastures if grazing could be arranged.
- Cllrs McHardy and Hardisty arrived at 16:42.
- Cllr Hardisty resumed as Chair.
- In response to the recommendations of the HBC tree survey, R Adams has cleared the Quarry section of path of overhanging branches
- It was agreed that there is no practical solution to the rat problem. R Adams will continue to empty the bins every day but Cllrs McHardy and Hardisty offered to speak with the Manager from Macdonalds and request that the employees empty the bins later in the day, if time allows.

20-19

## To consider the following matters and agree appropriate action:

- 1. Rats see item 19-19
- 2. Pasture/briar & sycamore clearing see item 19-19
- 3. Dog-fouling problem has not improved. Cllr Hawke to provide signage that will be erected at throughout the site.
- 4. Entrance Cllr Hardisty will follow up Robinson's offer of tarmac chippings to re-surface the carpark. The gate is a problem as we have been advised by HBC that the gate needs to be fitted with the recommended safety equipment. However, there is not enough funds to carry out this work. It was suggested that the gate be left open at all times from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March as a trial to see whether 24hr access to the site encourages anti-social behaviour. The warden will monitor and report back. P Hartley to commission signage to warn drivers of the one-way system. An extraordinary meeting may be necessary if the open gate does cause an issue.

Proposal to leave the gate open until it becomes a problem and then to explore other options.

Proposed – Cllr Martin

Seconded - Cllr Hawke

RESOLVED unanimously

**5.** The Hut was not discussed in detail as there was no-one representing the Quarry Moor Development Association in the meeting, but it would be discussed further at the next meeting.

21-19

1. Financial Matters.

It was agreed that the clerk needed to give further clarification on the current financial position and whether there were sufficient funds to undertake necessary works.

The report was received.

Proposed – Cllr Hawke

Seconded - Cllr Powell

RESOLVED unanimously

	2. Other grant opportunities - HBC have responded that although there will be section 106 monies				
	available for improvements to QM, it will not be available until the West Lane development is we				
	under way and nearing completion. Therefore, it is a source to consider in the future.				
22-19	To receive updates on Playground repairs.				
	Stainton Construction Ltd will begin repairs on the playground on 28th March. Part of the carpark will be				
	fenced off during works. When completed, a press release should be sent out to encourage users back to				
	the playground.				
23-19	To discuss the setting up of a Friends of Quarry Moor Group.				
	It was agreed that P Hartley would write up an outline of how a Friends of Quarry Moor group would be				
	structured, their remit and what sort of tasks would be of most help to the warden and ranger. P. H				
	to meet with P Wilson for further discussion and report back to the committee.				
24-19	Natural England Management Plan and Higher Level Stewardship.				
	1. Environmental Stewardship Claim 2019 has been sent. Noted.				
25-19	To agree the time and date of the next Working Committee meeting.				
	That the next meeting be held on 13th June 2019.				
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With business concluded the meeting was closed at 5.18pm

SIGNED:	DATE:	

**CHAIRMAN**