



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

Date: Wednesday 24th January 2018
Time: 6:15pm
Location: Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall Ripon

Present:

Cllr M Stanley (Chairman)
Cllr C Powell
Cllr P Horton
Cllr P McHardy (ex officio)
Mr S Walker

Mrs P M Benson, The Clerk

01-18	To receive an update from the Charity Trustees if appropriate. The Clerk advised that the annual return had recently been submitted to the Charity Commission. Cllr Stanley advised that although the Charity's income was below that that required an annual return it was good practice to submit.
02-18	To receive and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 20th September 2017. That these be approved subject to an amendment that Sam Walker undertook to get three quotes for the flailing work. Proposed – Cllr Powell Seconded Cllr Horton Resolved by a unanimous show of hands.
03-18	To consider funding and grant opportunities and agree appropriate action. Sam Walker advised that the Stewardship Scheme is due to come to an end in 2022. It was noted that: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. the Rural Payments Agency had reviewed the basis on which payments were awarded and that many sites were seeing their grants reduced;2. grants were virtually non-existent for maintenance costs. Cllr Stanley agreed to contact Natural England and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust to enquire about grants and/or involvement in the Moor.
04-18	To receive a report from the Warden and the Ranger and agree appropriate action.
05-18	To receive the following reports and agree appropriate action; playground inspection report Sam Walker and Robert Adams to liaise with the Clerk regarding work required. That anything with a 'medium' nature be actioned. Clerk to discuss the cost of any potential works with Cllr Stanley as Chairman before they are undertaken. electronic access gates report Cllr McHardy and the Clerk to approach Econ to enquire whether it is possible to construct something to replace both the deterrents at ground level and the access gate.

06-18	<p>To receive an update on the site and agree appropriate action.</p> <p>Sam Walker advised that as well as the bins being renewed some picnic benches had been removed. There had been a spate of antisocial behaviour towards the West Lane end of the site. Fires have been lit and fence posts, rails and benches have been removed together with general littering. There has been some damage to the trees on the cliff face. Natural England have been made aware.</p> <p>There has also been some unauthorised works to trees on the site where it boundaries Quarry Moor Park. Residents have felled trees on the site. There has also been incidents of fly tipping garden waste on the site. Natural England have been made aware.</p> <p>Clerk to write to the owner of Quarry Moor Park stressing the importance of the SSSI.</p> <p>The path adjacent to the hut near the A61 is in need of repair. Sam can arrange for Community Payback to help if the Committee agree to supply the stones. Cllr Stanley advised that the Committee are agreeable. The Clerk reminded everyone of the need to obtain three quotations for any spend in excess of £100.</p> <p>Sam advised that both Open Country and Community Payback have attended the site during the winter. It was noted that Robert Adams had advised that everything required by the stewardship agreement is up to date.</p> <p>Cllr Horton enquired whether anyone had approached NYCC Councillors with a view to receiving monies from their locality grants.</p> <p>Cllr Stanley to look into whether any monies are available from commuted sums.</p>
07-18	<p>Natural England Management Plan.</p> <p>Sam Walker to discuss the Plan with Dan McAndrew and return to a later meeting.</p>
08-18	<p>RoSPA.</p> <p>Sam Walker advised that he would like to attend. Sam to advise the Clerk of the date of the course he would like to attend.</p>
09-18	<p>Budget</p> <p>The proposed budget (as 2017/18) was noted and approved.</p>
10-18	<p>To agree the time and date of the next Working Committee meeting.</p> <p>That the next meeting be held on 14th March 2018, 6:15pm, Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Ripon.</p>

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

CHAIRMAN