

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS &
CEMETERY COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL

ON MONDAY 10TH APRIL 2017 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN L COOK (CHAIR)

Mesdames: K Liddell, K Hawley, S Simpson & M A Cartwright

Messrs: G L Carne, C Watkins, S Miles, W M Jeffrey,
R Kyle & A Watson

MEMBERS WERE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO DISCLOSE ANY INTEREST, PREJUDICIAL OR PERSONAL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

71. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors L M Wood, C Robbins, C J Metcalfe, H Bennett MBE & G Cowie.

RECOMMENDED the Council approve the reasons submitted for absence received from Councillors, and their apologies for absence be recorded.

72. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were accepted.

73. MAINTENANCE OVERVIEW

Members considered the report of the Parks Supervisor giving an update on the Eden Lane Quarry project, Woodhouse Park/Helford Road, (under 7's football pitches), Leisure Gardens sites and Eden Lane Cemetery. There was discussion on the type of fencing for the Eden Lane quarry site and it was felt something less industrial and more

aesthetic would be preferred. On considering the fencing of the site reference was made to the fly tipping and it was asked had there been an increase in the fines being applied by DCC for fly tipping. It was reported there had been a site inspection of the two bowling greens and a further report would be made to Committee following this visit with the outcome.

RECOMMENDED:-

- (i) the information contained in the progress report, be noted;**
- (ii) fines for fly tipping be looked into and publicised on the Town Council's web site/social media;**
- (iii) a further report be made on the outcome of the visit to the two bowling greens.**

74. NORTHUMBRIAN WATER: IMPROVEMENT WORK TAKING PLACE ON OUR AREA

Members were circulated with details of works by Northumbrian Water at Wapping Burn rising main beginning on 3 April through to Friday 3 November 2017.

RECOMMENDED the information given, be noted.

75. EDEN PARK SECONDARY DRAINAGE OPTIONS SCHEME

Members were circulated with a report advising of the need to address drainage problems at Eden Lane sports field and recommend the award of a contract to install a secondary drainage sand silt system to Turfcare Specialists Ltd.

There was considerable discussion on the use of the pitches and the commitment already made to improving the facilities at Eden Lane in partnership with Horden and Peterlee Rugby Club.

RECOMMENDED a further report be prepared giving details on the pitch usage, current and future aspirations, along with details on other capital project expenditure that was projected for Eden Lane.

76. SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR YODEN VILLAGE QUARRY

Members were circulated with a draft Site Management Plan for the Yoden Village Quarry, for discussion and feedback on the recommendations to encourage physical and intellectual access to the site (see page 15) made in the report. It was agreed this was a tremendous opportunity for the Town Council to work in partnership to develop this 10 year Management Plan with such an important and unique site.

A Local Member asked could a report be made to DCC regarding the public toilet facilities at Crimdon Dene.

RECOMMENDED the contents of the Management Plan be accepted and further progress with the site, be awaited.

77. PLAY AREAS

The Mayor reported she had members of the public in touch with her about the condition of the play areas, in particular making reports of broken glass. The Parks Supervisor gave details of the daily, weekly and yearly inspections carried out on all of the play areas. The Town Clerk advised that although there was a process already in place, if the public were getting in touch about problems, then this needed to be considered to make improvements to address these shortfalls.

RECOMMENDED a further report be made to Council on the inspection and cleaning etc of the Councils play areas.