

Amenities Committee Meeting, held Monday 14 March 2016

Present: Chairman: Councillor C Palmer
 Councillors: P Atkin, K Archer, S Barber, G Cullen, J Dobson, J Forrest,
 In Attendance: Councillors T Hall and S Pudney
 Officer: K Lambert

AC/312	<u>To receive apologies for absence</u>
	No apologies were received
AC/313	<u>To receive declarations of interest from Councillors re agenda items:</u> There were none to receive.
AC/314	<u>To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.</u> There were none to grant.
AC/315	<u>To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Amenities Meeting held 11 January 2016:</u>
Resolved:	That the minutes are received and adopted.
AC/316	<u>To consider matters arising from the last meeting:</u>
316.1	Design and Access Statement: This had previously been forwarded to Members of the Committee, who had been informed that because of its size it would only be printed if requested.
317.2	Update on Tree Survey: Members discussed the documents which have been prepared by the Grounds Supervisor. It was decided that any monies remaining in the budget will be ring-fenced and put into the 2016/17 budget and the Clerk will ask the consultant to produce a three year plan for the works, prioritising items which are highlighted in red.
Resolved:	That the Consultant is asked for a three year plan for works to trees.
318.3	Bridge near Bonfire Site: Members were informed that no response had been received from NYCC.
Resolved:	That the Clerk pursues the enquiry at NYCC and reports to the Committee.
AC/319	<u>Ground Supervisor's Report:</u>
319.1	Bullamoor Memorial Park: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cradle and senior swings – obtain costs. 2. Footpath onto basketball area – obtain 1 more quote 3. Footpath towards old peoples bungalows – updated costs and holes to be filled. 4. Tarmac path behind shrub beds – obtain updated costs. Ground Supervisor to mark area off. 5. Manholes to be lifted on a regular basis
319.2	Bankhead: Tree work to be included in the Tree Consultant's three-year plan and costs are obtained for the next meeting.
319.2	Church Green: Quotes for updated timer in All Saints Churchyard to be obtained for September meeting.
319.3	Wall around All Saints Church: Members were informed of action that had been taken in respect of this matter. One quotation had been received and

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	another was being sought. The Vicar of All Saints Church had been informed. Members said that NYCC Property Services are asked for their advice on the matter and works are progressed. This was proposed and seconded – vote was 4 for and 3 against the proposal.
319.4	Transit: MOT has already been undertaken. In respect of the wheel bearing it was agreed that this work is undertaken as soon as possible.
319.5	Machinery Service: Three quotations had been obtained and were considered by Members. Details of the quotations were provided and it was agreed that quotation 3 is accepted and it was proposed that the 077 chainsaw is replaced for the sum of £175, and new shredder blades are obtained at £150 in the new financial year.
Resolved:	That the above actions are undertaken.
AC/320	<u>Friarage Street Planted Area:</u> Members were informed of the situation about the planted area on Friarage Street. The Chargehand had prepared a planting scheme along with costs, which were circulated to Members. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Jomast and ask them if they are willing to ask their landscaping architects to come up with and undertake a scheme for the site.
Resolved:	That the Clerk contact Jomast to ask about a scheme for the site.
AC/321	<u>Sponsorship:</u> Members were advised that the Chargehand has produced sponsorship costs for 2016/2017. The costs were approved.
Resolved:	That sponsorship costs for 2016/2017 are approved.
AC/322	<u>Deferred Items of Expenditure:</u> Discussion took place on the deferred items and it was proposed that if the money has been allocated in 2016/17 that the items remain. The vote was 5 for and 2 members against the proposal.
Resolved:	That the items remain in the budget.
AC/323	<u>Illuminations Expenditure:</u> The Chairman informed Members that a report had been submitted by the contractor saying that there are £700 repairs to be undertaken to the current illuminations and we will have to replace the four motifs which were damaged in the 2015/16 season. The Contractor has provided costs for new illuminations and also for ex-display motifs. The Chairman proposed that rather than repairing the current illuminations that the Town Council purchase 8 ex display motifs. The Chairman asked the Clerk to make enquiries at Hambleton District Council about mounting a display on the north end of the Town Hall. The Chairman said that it is the intention to run a competition to design a display by local schoolchildren.
Resolved:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That 8 ex display motifs are purchased 2. Enquiries are made about a motif being mounted on the north end of the Town Hall 3. That a competition is run to design a display for the 2016 Christmas lights.
AC/324	<u>Grasscutting:</u> The Chairman said that Councillor Dobson had asked for this item to be put on the agenda. Councillor Dobson said that he has been approached by residents on this matter and nobody from either Council has informed them that the grasscutting will not be undertaken.

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	The Chairman said that a decision has been made by full Town Council for 2016. Members suggested that a full explanation will be put on the Town Council website. This will inform the general public why the Town Council will not be undertaking the grasscutting in Northallerton. This was agreed by all Members.
Resolved:	That an explanation about the grasscutting is put on the Town Council website.
AC/325	<u>Official Orders:</u>
Resolved:	That the orders are received and accepted.
AC/326	<u>Financial Reports to 26 February 2016:</u>
Resolved:	That the reports are received and accepted.
Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and under the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960 and LGA 1972, ss 100A to 100K: and ACA 1998, s10 part of this meeting may be held in private session.	
PRIVATE SESSION:	
AC/327	<u>Staffing Matters:</u>
Resolved:	That the matter discussed will be added to the Agenda for the March meeting of the Town Council.