

**Minutes of Parks' Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday 16th June, 2010 at 7:00pm in Suite B, Council Offices, Holsworthy**

Present: Cllrs. Johns, Latty, Heslip, Squire, Brown and Smith
Mr. Courtney Drew

39. Apologies:

There were no apologies.

40. Declaration of Interests: To receive Members' declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on the Agenda.

41. Minutes of last Meeting:

Minutes of the Parks meeting held on the 19th May, 2010 were signed as a correct record.

42. Matters Arising:

Cllr Heslip thanked Mr Drew for the tour of Badock Gardens. The Chairman queried whether any work had been carried out to the area in front of the sun lounge. It has been suggested that the flagstones are replaced with decking. An estimate to be obtained.

Stanhope Park: Mr Drew reported he had replaced some of the timber rails between the cycle path and the play area. A quotation of £85 had been received from James Daw to remove the base to the damaged roundabout. Mike Crocker (TDC) has been approached to remove the rubbish behind the pavilion and one of the concrete seats is damaged with screws protruding. Also queried the siting of a dog bin next to a picnic table.

Badock Gardens: verge in Parsons Close now cleared and levelled. Posts have been ordered from Fred Stacey and the area will be seeded out in the autumn. The guttering round the summerhouse has been repaired.

Footpaths: Mr Drew cleared Church Path of rubbish and trimmed it back. He is prepared to continue with the maintenance.

43. To Discuss with Representatives of Holsworthy Cricket Club, P. Cottle and D. Gerry, the Pavilion in Stanhope Park

Members of Holsworthy Cricket Club (Paul Cottle, Jack Greening and David Gerry) joined the meeting and Mr Drew left. Cllr Brown expressed a desire to reopen communications with the club regarding the pavilion, through frank and friendly discussion. He emphasised that if any money is received for the pavilion it will go to the Town Council, as owners. Catesby were not proposing a new pavilion but changing facilities for the new football pitch. It was suggested that these facilities be tacked onto the pavilion, making the best use of the money available. The Cricket Club was not able to apply for grants as it had to show possession. The Chairman queried whether any income was received from the pavilion. The initial 106 Agreement of £25,000 has been invested, now stands at £29,000 and is ring fenced.

Discussion regarding the state of the pavilion and visiting teams having to use it (embarrassing for the Holsworthy club). The ECB require changing facilities, showers etc which, in this case, are not feasible. The Chairman said that nothing much can be done until we have a Catesby agreement .

Discussion regarding the current situation and a suggestion that money is spent on the building to bring it up to an acceptable standard. Lynden Piper to be approached to make some initial drawings (proposed by Cllr Johns and seconded by Cllr Brown) all in favour. In the meantime broken slates and guttering to be repaired.

Cllr Squire asked whether the C.Club members would be prepared to help with the work to be done. Postive response.

Pitch cutting: the outfield is cut by the contractors and is generally acceptable. The CC asked about using their own gang mowers (they maintain the wicket) but is waiting to hear from their insurers.

It was agreed a small group of Councillors (Johns, Latty and Brown) would meet members of the C.C at the pavilion to inspect and discuss further developments on 17th June. The representatives of the Cricket Club then left the meeting.

44. Stanhope Park

Cllr Johns had received a complaint about the state of the park and queried the position with the Stanhope Community Group. Cllr Brown had given money to the group and will make enquiries. Cllr Johns suggested setting up a Trust to enable the Council to apply for funding for improvements.

It was reported that the Football Club are experiencing vandalism on their ground.

It was reported that the Bowling Club hosted an event with an outside bar run by the Crown and Sceptre. No application for a licence was received by TDC. Bye laws of the Park state no goods should be sold in the park. It was suggested a letter be sent to the club regarding the bar – Council should be consulted.

45. Badock and Rowland Gardens

Planscape have quoted £385plus VAT to fell dangerous branches and make good. It was proposed by Cllr Squire and Seconded by Cllr Brown that the work be carried out as quickly as possible. All in favour.

Cllr Heslip requested that the meeting be held earlier, starting at 6.30pm. Following discussion Cllr Johns suggested a compromise of 6.45pm. This was seconded by Cllr Squire. All in favour.

Budget: Mr Drew has asked if he could be kept informed of the state of the budget for the Park and Badock Gardens. Finance and General Purposes Committee to monitor this.

46. Acting Town Clerk's Report

Query regarding designated dog area in Stanhope Park. This is no longer recognised and dogs must be kept on a lead at all times

47. Close

The Meeting closed at approximately 7.55 p.m.

Signature **Date**