

**Minutes of Parks' Committee Meeting held on  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 at 7:00pm in The Sun Lounge, Badock Gardens, Holsworthy**

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

**31. To Elect the Committee Chairman for 2010/2011**

Cllr Heslip proposed Cllr Latty for the post of Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Squire. All in favour.

**32. Apologies:**

There were no apologies.

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

**34. Minutes of last Meeting:**

Minutes of the Parks meeting held on the 21<sup>ST</sup> April, 2010 were signed as a correct record.

**35. Matters Arising:**

There were no matters to be discussed.

**36. Badock Gardens/Stanhope Park.**

The Chairman read a letter from a resident complimenting Mr Drew on the gardens. The committee then accompanied him round the site and he pointed out various things which he felt needed attention including the re-painting of the store sheds and the double entrance gates.

The adopted strip of land in Parsons Close is being used by contractors to park heavy machinery. The Acting TC to write to them asking that the site be reinstated, banks trimmed back, site levelled and top soil applied with a view to it being turfed (by the contractor) in the autumn. Their site agent to liaise with Mr Drew.

Several of the remaining large trees have branches which are either dead or overhanging. Cllr Johns proposed that the Acting TC contacts Planscape to seek advice (liaise with Mr Drew).

The paving slabs outside the Summerhouse are becoming loose and dangerous. Mr Drew suggested replacing them with decking and will obtain an estimate for the work.

**37. Stanhope Park:**

Attention was drawn to the damaged roundabout. Unsure whether it had been vandalised or just the result of wear and tear. It has been removed to the rear of the Pavilion but the hub on which it was mounted remains in the ground. Mr Drew to investigate and see whether it can be removed as it is a health and safety issue. Mr Drew also commented on the amount of waste which is being dumped behind the Pavilion. Acting Town Clerk to contact TDC to see whether they will remove it (a charge will be made for heavy waste removal).

There is an ongoing problem with dog waste in the corner of the park against Bassett and Sluggett's bank. This was designated as a dog area but unsure as to the present situation. Speak to the Dog Warden.

The right hand entrance gate to the park (pedestrian) is proving difficult to open due to sinkage. Mr Drew suggested a chain and padlock secured to the upright to support it and prevent further damage. Proposed by Cllr Johns and seconded by Cllr Latty. All in favour.

Discussion about the hedge between Upcott Field and the park – Mr Drew to give a price for laying it in the autumn. He drew attention to the allotment site and the amount of rubbish (wire, timber etc) which has been dumped there. The football club were to have installed a gateway for access to the park – Acting Town Clerk to write to the club to ask whether they intend to do this work and request that they clear the site at the same time.

**38. Close**

The Meeting closed at approximately 7.22 p.m.

**Signature .....** **Date .....**