

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23rd JULY 2008 AT 7.30PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE TOWN HALL

Present: Cllr Gill; Chairman, Cllr Hitchcock; Deputy Chairman, Cllrs Parker, Distin, Brewer, Posner, Pugh, Baker, Slater and The Clerk

061/08GP Apologies

There were no apologies received

062/08GP Minutes of the Previous Meeting

These were signed by the Chairman as a true record and carried unanimously

063/08GP Matters arising from the Previous Minutes

There were no matters arising.

064/08GP Discussion with Cllr Barker re: Boundary Review

Unfortunately Cllr Barker was unable to attend the meeting and a discussion took place between the committee, it was decided that the recommendation would be to stay as a single unitary council option, staying the same as is now. It was agreed that this will be taken to the full council meeting for full council clearance and the Clerk will notify the authorities accordingly.

065/08 GP Bus Stop to Rear of Town Hall

The Clerk stated there were several issues to consider, a proposal was a seat to be placed in front of the stone flower base looking out towards the car park next to the railings of the library. The existing canopy could be used if raining. It was noted that consideration would have to be given to funding, the possibility that a planning application may have to be done and possibly, conservation area consent, this could be followed up accordingly. The problems identified would be:

- Getting users to use this area and not the rest of the town
- The town council already have another bus stop review in connection with West Street, which is shelved at the moment, until the situation with the town hall finances is sorted out
- The youths could use this area to congregate and did the town council need to encourage them to an area that they have been trying to remove them from. The discussion took place on this issue and it was agreed, at present, this would be shelved and could be revisited again in the future

066/08GP Bulliver's Way Update

The Clerk stated that he had not been able to get down to Bulliver's Way to view but had contacted Pollard Landscapes and requested them to make good the area.

067/08 GP Officer's Report

1. The Clerk stated a resident at Dolbeare Road had requested whether it would be possible to have residents only parking and to number the spaces. There were also complaints received regarding wheelie bins being used to reserve car parking spaces. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the Highways Authority, TDC Enforcements and the Police to draw their attention to the wheelie bin issue and Highways, the parking issue.
2. Cllr Distin wished to talk about Rew Cross and Cuddyford. Cllr Distin stated that he was very disappointed with the fact that all this money has been spent putting drains in at the area from Rew Cross to Cuddyford only to find out that the road now has to be resurfaced with the aim of pushing the water towards these new drains. The Clerk stated he has emailed on several occasions to follow up and ascertain what the latest situation is and the last email sent was on the 16th July 2008, he would chase this up again.
3. The Clerk stated he has heard that TDC are now obtaining some walk-behind mechanical sweepers and he had contacted the department to discuss the possibility of Ashburton having one of these. The answer was that this could be possible but an area would be required where the machine could be kept and locked up when not in use. It was agreed that the Clerk would make enquiries into the possibility of a lock up area and report back accordingly.
4. Caretaker update: The Clerk stated that the interview panel had met and a new caretaker has been written to and, as soon as he accepts the position, the Clerk would notify all councillors accordingly.

Recommend: Clerk to attend to all the above

068/08 Correspondence

The Clerk was very pleased to say that he had now received an email from the South Area Highways management concerning a disabled parking bay in North Street. The email stated that the work in respect of the advertised changes to the existing waiting restrictions is due to take place over the next few weeks and it is anticipated that all work, including the signing, will be completed by the beginning of September. Once the work has been completed, the order can be signed and sealed. The new restriction for the disabled bay in North Street is for a maximum stay of two hours with no return within that time, Monday to Saturday, 9am to 6pm inclusive.

069/08 GP Any Other Urgent Business

- Noted: the Roboroughs Association have now adopted their constitution
- A brass plaque sited on a wooden litter bin in the Bullring area has been stolen
- Noted: the hole in the road at Higher Roborough has now been filled
- Water leak; still at Woodland Road and St Lawrence Lane
- More signs are required at Kingsbridge directing people to the public toilets
- Kenwin; details required regarding residential care in the future at Kenwin and a full update.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.11pm

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Chairman
Wednesday 27th August 2008