

Minutes of a meeting of the Parks Committee
Held 18 June 2012

Present:- Cllrs. W. Jefferson, G. Wilkinson, A.J. Markley & R.W. Allison.
Also Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk) & Ken Wannop.

141 **Apologies**

Cllr. S. Graham

142 **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr. A.J. Markley - Cumbria County Council, Allerdale, Carrs coaches, Markley Transport etc

143 **Exclusion of Press & Public**

None.

144 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting on 12 March 2012 were approved and signed as a true record.

145 **Litter bins**

The following areas have been identified as requiring additional litter bins:- Lawn Terrace, at the Water Play area but not the Woodland play area, two along the avenue to the amusement arcade, one at the rose garden, one at the bottom of the bank and along Promenade. The committee need to know how much they are and whether there is any funding left from the lottery bid to cover the cost. It was agreed to ask for an additional 10 bins. Bins on the front should be emptied last thing at night. Four post dumpys bags proved very useful at the Vintage Rally

146 **Handyman's Report**

Water play has not been working. Cllr. Allison has spoken to Mike Clark about the matter but it could take another two days to sort out. The new pipe across the green is 63mm. This was connected to a 1 inch pipe which didn't work properly. They have since put a new pipe across the road which was meant to have been connected to an 8 inch main. Lambert Gill have been informed. This should have been rectified last week but it is still not working.

147 **Silloth Green Project**

Signage is needed at the Water Play area i.e. 'get off bike' and 'keep dogs on lead'. This will be progressed through the lottery board. There are no toilet roll holders at the lifeboat toilets. It was questioned whether dogs should be kept on leads on the whole Green but this would be difficult to a man. Paving in the Rose Garden where it has been pointed. Central lock is required on the Pagoda door. Surface dressing on the avenue to the Amusement arcade was originally meant to be the same colour as the paths. Small area opposite the Rafa club also needs done. Old water fountain opposite Golf Hotel needs to be removed and pipe disconnected. It was questioned who was responsible for removing the old feeder pillar next to Criffel St toilets. This has been passed to Mike Clark. Top dressing has not been used at the putting green and there is a lot of stones and weeds in the soil. The Town Council do not have a machine suitable for cutting the banks but if the gradient was reduced the Town Council could use their existing machinery. Observations have gone to Mike Clark. Canopy at the Edwardian toilets was broken before they were handed over to the

Town Council. There are concerns about cutting the bushes down along the avenue to the Amusement Arcade. This was taken out of the contract but there is still money there for replenishment. The highest bushes are Holly bushes. There are also some privet which should not be there and also some elderberry bushes. HLF have agreed for Allan Clark from Wigton to look at them and advise on what needs to be done. A test area of half a bed will be done as recommended by guy from Wigton to see how it goes. The bushes will be pruned back over a long term. It is a decision for the Town Council. Other bushes will be cut down to the same level as the rhododendron bushes. Report to come to the Council.

148 Memorial Seats

A policy is required for the provision of memorial seats on the Green etc. Policy to be restricted to seats, although there are two memorial trees on the Green - Rotary oak tree and a cherry tree planted by Mrs Murdock. Letter to be sent to the Rotary to ascertain whether they will maintain the oak tree and seats. There needs to be an application form filled in. Guidance has been received from Jane at HLF - any seats to be sited in the main area of the Green need to be in the same design as the new seats. There needs to be a maintenance charge and the seats need to be gifted to the Town Council. Cllr. Wilkinson has gone through previous minutes to get a record of all the memorial seats. A decision needs to be made as to what to do with the existing seats for future policy. It was suggested that the old seats could be sited in a memorial area. Cllr. Jefferson and the Clerk to formulate a policy from the pro-forma's obtained. Need to limit the number of memorial benches allowed each year, with each bench having an expected lifespan of 10 years. Council to remove any benches for maintenance and if they are beyond economic repair. No memorials for pets to be allowed. No additional mementoes to be allowed. It has to be made clear that this is a new policy following the regeneration of the Green, a policy which adheres to the HLF recommendations. A draft policy to be brought back to the Parks committee. There needs to be a dossier of old benches and a decision made on what to do with them. It was questioned whether it would be feasible to put a flower bed down towards the Dock entrance and make it a place to site the existing benches. Ken has done a list of the benches. There are 9 benches - 6 are serviceable, 1 was damaged which belonged to Rotary (for Herbie Blake) and 2 with no names on which are in a poor condition. Rotary bench could be sited at the Albion corner next to the existing bench there. It was agreed that Lambert & Gill be asked to replace the Rotary bench which was cut and assume that it will be replaced like the other one. Bill to email Mike Clark about the seat and ask for it to be replaced and also ask Rotary if they would be happy for the replacement seat to be sited at the Albion corner. It was suggested that the rest be put in one area. Town Council are now governed by the lottery as to where benches can be put and what style. Ken suggested that he and Cllr. Wilkinson get the benches out and decide which are serviceable. Composite policy to be put together by Cllr. Jefferson and the Clerk and put to the Parks committee for approval. There needs to be a list of recommendations of how to accommodate the wishes of the owners of the 9 benches. Anyone writing in will be told that a new policy is being put together. Anyone associated with a bench should have a say. Refurbishment of existing stock needs looked at.

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