

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parks Committee**  
**Held on 20 February 2012**

**Present:-** Cllrs. W. Jefferson, A.J. Markley, G. Wilkinson & S. Graham. Also Wendy Jameson (Town Clerk) & Jason Dixey (Project Manager).

**015** **Apologies**

None.

**016** **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr. Markley - County Council, Allerdale Borough Council, school & Markley transport.

**017** **Exclusion of Press & Public**

There were no Press or Public present at the meeting.

**018** **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2012 were approved by the Parks Committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**019** **Green Project**

The current footpath surfaces are not suitable for the Green. The material used has not hardened up as was expected. A resin based surface is what would be more appropriate. Jason has looked at Fibredec. The area at the Golf corner, path to the Pagoda and to the Edwardian toilets are high traffic areas. There is money in the budget to re-surface these areas but it will use all or most of the contingency to put right. Fibredec footpaths have a tarmac base, then resin applied, followed by a gravel top. It has been used at Maryport to good effect and provides a good durable surface. It will cost approx £100k to do all the footpaths which the Parks Committee are in favour of and gave their backing. The work would be done through Lambert Gill, with Colus doing the work. It was suggested that Jason approach the lottery and see if they would be forthcoming with additional funding. Pagoda will be going back as it was. The Green is a more formal space and needs high quality footpaths. There needs to be a camber on the paths to ensure that water doesn't stand on them. There may be a timing issue, as the RDP for England funding needs spent before the end of March. Resin bound gravel must be applied at a constant temp of above 10 degrees, to ensure it sets properly. Probably looking at May for laying the upgraded surfaces.

Parks Warden & Community Engagement Officer - Short-listing and interviews have been carried out re: Parks Warden position but a decision has not been reached as to who to appoint. A shortlist of 3 people has been drawn up with the decision to be made by the Town Council. The closing of the toilets is one of the responsibilities of the job which may pose a problem, as it would be 7 days a week. The preference would be for someone local but there have applicants who are for out of town. Jason to seek further advice. Jason, Chris and Stuart have met to do the short listing for the Community Engagement Officer position but have not discussed their lists yet.

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