

Minutes of a meeting of the Parks Committee
Held on 26 November 2012

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

271 **Apologies:-** Cllrs. M. Snaith & R.W. Allison.

272 **Declaration of Interests**
None.

273 **Exclusion of Press and Public**
None

274 **Minutes**
The minutes of the Parks Committee meeting held on 29 August 2012 were approved and signed as a true record.

275 **Memorials Seats**
The seats have all been re-sited except for the memorial seat for Herbie Blake which is to be sited on the corner opposite the Albion Inn. Ken to be asked to re-site it. Memorial seat for Mr Trespaderne is now on the seafront, on the other side of the Rose garden. Letters to be sent to owners of the seats to notify them where they have been re-sited.

276 **Handyman's Report**
No report.

277 **Grounds Maintenance - Winter hours**
Priority to be given to work on the Green, with hours to be arranged in liaison with Ken.

278 **HLF Update - Snagging list etc**
Various sheds belonging to Lambert & Gill have been left in the grounds maintenance depot and it was questioned whether Lambert & Gill could be asked to leave one as a goodwill gesture for use by the grounds maintenance team.
BMX track - HLF is trying to withhold part of the funding. The claim has been made for 75% rather than 82.82%. Jason is dealing with the matter. Still waiting for a meeting with Jason & Jane.
Water Splash equipment is currently being stored by Cllr. Baty.
Thanks to be given to County Council for the new black and white signs at the Rafa and Golf Hotel corners. Signs have been rationalised and are an improvement. A lot of the pine trees that were planted have died, including the ones put in by the contractors. This needs to be taken up with Lambert & Gill. 100 trees were planted to commemorate the Jubilee, the majority of which have also died. Bill to ask someone from the Forestry Commission to come and have a look at them. Further letter to be sent to Lambert & Gill regarding problems at the public toilets.

279 **Grounds maintenance of the Green etc**

It was necessary for the Parks committee to consider the costs involved in the maintenance and upkeep of the Green, with a view to making a recommendation to the Town Council for a response to Paul Shackley at Allerdale Borough Council. The Clerk (working with Ken Wannop) had put together a schedule which outlined the work done by the grounds maintenance team and the hours involved. A total of 2845.5 hrs are spent on the Green and 579.5 hrs doing other work at Pennine View, Caldew St, Esk St, the Crofts etc.

The Clerk also drafted some figures for the annual costs associated with the grounds maintenance. These were considered by the Parks Committee. Further figures to be included for depreciation and provision for replacement of vehicles and equipment etc. Letter to Paul Shackley to be drafted to set out anticipated costs for 2013/14.

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