

Minutes of a meeting of the Parks Committee
Held 29 August 2012

Present:- Cllrs. W. Jefferson, R.W. Allison, G. Wilkinson, A.J. Markley & M. Snaith. Also Wendy Jameson.

173 **Apologies**

Ken Wannop.

174 **Declaration of Interest**

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

175 **Exclusion of Press & Public**

None.

176 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting on 18 June 2012 were approved and signed as a true record.

177 **Handyman's Report**

None.

178 **Management and upkeep of toilet blocks**

Need to see what Paul Shackley at Allerdale wants to deduct from the budget for the Green. Allerdale Borough Council are trying to save money. The Town Council need to look at what we can get off Allerdale and possibly look at taking over the maintenance of the toilets. Allerdale is trying to pass over the responsibility. The Town Council need to make the decision and get to the bottom of the letter from Paul Shackley. The ice cream concessions were meant to cover the bills incurred for the public conveniences but is not looking that way. Criffel St toilets are a disgrace and need work done to improve them.

179 **Provision of machinery for grass cutting on miniature golf course banks**

The provision of machinery was sorted out at the last Council meeting and has since been purchased. The machinery obtained is relevant and needed and is in very good condition.

180 **HLF Update - Snagging list - Litter bins etc**

The consultants did a snagging list which is being dealt with. All the items have been taken on board by the consultants and taken to the contractors. The radar key has not been replaced at the toilets. The glass canopy has not yet been replaced at the Edwardian toilets. The Community Engagement Officer is to report to the Parks Committee and in future Anna will be asked to attend the Parks Committee meetings. Her main point of contact is the Town Clerk.

181 Memorial seats - policy and position regarding those now in store

The Clerk has put together a good Memorial Policy which has been made up from policies of other Councils and made relevant to the Town Council. The new policy will prevent future problems. It was suggested that no new applications be considered until the old seats have been re-sited. The old seats have been looked at and now need to decide where to put them. They cannot go on the main Green due to HLF restrictions. Down towards the entrance to the Docks has been suggested as an alternative. It was also suggested that perhaps the plaques could be sited on the new seats.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the seat for John Trespaderne be sited on the grass opposite Mrs Wood's house on Petheril Terrace, with the Council covering the cost of re-siting the seat. Cllr. Jefferson will speak to Mrs Wood.

Memorial seats are purchased by the Rotary to all founder members of the Rotary. It was suggested that the seat for Herbie Blake be re-sited at the top of the bank opposite The Albion, next to an existing Rotary seat. Cllr. Jefferson to speak to Rotary.

Clerk to send letters out once Cllr. Jefferson has spoken to those concerned.

Remaining seats to be sited somewhere on the level where people can get access to them.

182 Maintenance of Rhododendrons on the avenue up to the Amusement Arcade

The holly bushes are out of control. A guy from Wigton will meet with Cllr. Allison and Jefferson with a view to cutting back one bed to how it goes. The avenue up to the Amusement arcade provides shelter for people, particularly the elderly. Two or three residents up Skinburness want areas up Skinburness Road cleared and it was suggested that perhaps the Skinburness Residents Association be asked for their feedback. The Town Council need to be asked how they wish to proceed with the matter.

183 Concerns raised by residents of Lawn Terrace regarding the Putting Green

Various concerns have been raised by residents of Lawn Terrace with Cllr. S. Graham which include the following:- a) Bushes being used as toilets, b) golf balls damaging properties & c) the planting of bushes to the left hand side of the putting shed. The problem of people using the bushes as a toilet will be referred to the Police and they will be asked to monitor the situation. The putting green will be the responsibility of the franchise holder and it will be their responsibility to have proper insurance in place. Residents are not happy with the bushes which have been planted to the left as they block the view of the Green but these were planted to prevent the possibility of windows getting broken.

Signed..... Date.....