

Silloth-on-Solway Town Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parks Committee
Held on Monday 15 June 2020 at 1.00pm on Silloth Green

Present: W. Jefferson (WJ)

Councillors

M. Orchard (MO), S. Graham (SG), J. McCormick (JM) & M. Irving (MI).

Also present: Wendy Jameson – Town Clerk (WEJ).

571.	Apologies None	
572.	Declarations of Interest None.	
573.	Exclusion of Press & Public None.	
574.	Adjournment of Meeting There had been no prior requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.	
575.	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting 15 May 2017 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
576.	<p>Silloth Green</p> <p>The Green Flag inspection can take two forms - either an accompanied walk around the Green or a mystery shop type visit. This year is a mystery shop visit. Silloth Green always tends to do well. Last year we had a new judge but the visit went okay. We are grateful for all the work that has been done by Judith and Friends of Silloth Green, along with our grounds maintenance team. Judith provides valuable guidance and advice. A lot of old plants have been taken out of the shrub beds and the avenue up to the Amusement arcade has also been discussed. Green Flag judges have always said we need to protect the habitat for the wildlife. Youngsters have been an issue at times with making camps. The avenue has had some work done to reduce the height of it and the town team have removed a lot of the dead stuff.</p> <p>The wooden pathway to the viewing platform at the Dock entrance has some loose boards which need attended to.</p> <p>It was questioned if the height of the avenue could be reduced. An item is to be included on the next Agenda of the full council, to look at reducing the height.</p> <p>The habitat is very important and retaining the wildness of the Green is vital.</p> <p>The Town Council are not required to stay in the Green Flag scheme any longer as part of the Lottery but Silloth Green is the only park in Allerdale to have a Green Flag and achieved it for the last 7 years in succession.</p> <p>A lot of planting has been done to encourage the wildlife and pollinators. It may take a couple of years for some of the new shrubs and trees to become established.</p> <p>The avenue also provides shelter for older people sitting on the benches.</p> <p>Volunteers are unable to work on the Green at the moment, due to the public toilets remaining closed.</p> <p>The results of the Green Flag judging will come back to the full council for consideration.</p>	
577.	Memorial Benches Applications have been received for two memorial benches - to be sited on either the Green or the seafront. A policy was put together a few years ago which includes an application form. When benches are placed on the Green they need to be of a specific design to match in with existing benches which	

	<p>was a Heritage Lottery stipulation. The Clerk has been steering families towards the recycled plastic benches which last much longer and require very little maintenance. The applications were agreed subject to complying with the memorial bench policy and a suitable location being agreed.</p>	
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