

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL  
PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2018 AT 7.00pm**

**Present:** Cllr Jones took the chair

**Committee Members Present:**

Cllr Bond            Cllr Cox  
Cllr Harris        Cllr Kiff  
Cllr Osben        Cllr Partel  
Cllr Worster

There were three members of the public in attendance.

**Apologies:** Cllr Digby.

**Approval of previous Minutes**

Cllr Jones commended the draft Minutes of the Property and Finance Committee meeting held on Monday November 27 2017 which were **APPROVED** by a show of hands. The Minutes were duly signed.

**3. Matters for Discussion**

**3.1. Sports**

There was nothing to report.

**3.2 Sport/Management/Maintenance of Council Property and Land**

Work on the new unit at the Tractor Shed was progressing, she said, and tenders to paint the outside of the building, together with the bowls pavilion, had been issued.

With Cllr Cox, Cllr Jones reported on a meeting with contractors to carry out renovation work on two tennis courts. The work would involve filling cracks, cleaning, moss spraying and repainting and she asked the Committee to authorise payment for this work. She confirmed the renovation costs would be met from funds set aside from income from the tennis courts.

**PROPOSAL** to **APPROVE** expenditure of up to £4,660 to renovate two tennis courts was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Bond and **SECONDED** by Cllr Worster

**In favour        8**

**Against         0**

**Abstentions    0**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Cllr Jones explained that ATC donates £250 each year to the Tennis Club for collecting and banking money from the honesty box and meters on behalf of the Council. She suggested that, in future, the ATC donation should be a percentage of these takings to incentivise the club to challenge users who try and play without paying.

Work to fell trees identified in the recent survey might be delayed because of waterlogged ground, she said. An oak tree damaged in recent gales would also be examined.

Cllr Jones reported on a meeting between Cllr Cox, the Town Clerk and Norse to prioritise essential ground maintenance work which would include ditch clearance, hedge cutting and the renovation of the yacht pond. Cllr Cox said that prices were being sought for re-seeding

or turfing bare patches at King's Field and repairing play equipment. The Town Clerk also reported that Norse would now maintain flora along Crag Path, the Town Steps and the West Lane steps.

Cllr Cox told the Committee that half of the allotment holders had paid their annual rent and the remainder would have to pay by the end of January or face eviction. Four allotments were vacant.

He reminded Cllrs that he, and Cllr Partel, were investigating the provision of a BMX track for the town. He suggested talking to older children at the Primary School and the Youth Club to ascertain what sort of facility they wanted.

Cllr Walker again raised the issue of the tarmac path between Aldeburgh and Thorpeness. He described its condition as disgraceful and called for SCDC to carry out urgent repair work.

Cllr Jones pointed out that the new Play Area at King's Field had been nominated for an Enabling Communities Award and she encouraged all Cllrs to vote for the project by either using the link on the Town Council website or the SCDC website.

#### **4. Committee Finance Business**

Cllr Jones told the Committee that work was due to start on preparing documentation for the next Internal Audit and for the end-of-year accounts. A number of recommendations from last year needed to be addressed, she commented, together with the collection of outstanding payments. Improvements by tenants of the Rugby Club and the Tractor Shed had potentially increased the value of the properties, she reported. Discussions with the ATC insurance representative had taken place to ascertain the correct level of cover.

#### **5. New Property and Finance Business**

Cllr Jones expressed frustration at the length of time it was taking solicitors to deal with a number of issues relating to leases and promised to progress these matters.

**There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 7.20 pm.**