

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY MAY 28th 2019 AT 7.40PM**

Present: Cllr Jones took the chair

Committee Members Present:

Cllr Blackburn Cllr Harris
Cllr Osben

There were two members of the public in attendance.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Cox, Digby and Piers-Hall

2. **Approval of previous Minutes**

Cllr Jones commended the draft Minutes of the Property and Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 25 February 2019 which were **APPROVED** by a show of hands. The Minutes were duly signed.

3. **Matters for Discussion**

3.1 **Finance**

Cllr Jones told the Committee that preparations for the Internal Audit review were well-advanced and that the variance report of expenditure against budget would be submitted to Cllrs before the Committees Meeting in June.

3.2 **Sports**

Cllr Jones asked Cllrs to consider a suggestion to change the name of the Rugby Field to Queen's Field, as a fitting tribute to Her Majesty the Queen and to reflect its proximity to King's Field. She believed this would be a straightforward matter involving Suffolk County Council and The School Field Trust. The idea was warmly welcomed by all Cllrs.

RESOLUTION to undertake necessary works enabling the Rugby Field (formerly known as The School Field) to be renamed as Queen's Field was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Harris and **SECONDED** by Cllr Osben .

In favour **6** (including The Mayor and Deputy Mayor).

Against **0**

Abstentions **0**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cllr Jones told the Committee that following incidents of anti-social behaviour and minor vandalism at the Rugby Field, she had sought quotes to improve security by installing two sections of fencing. She commended one contractor who had satisfactorily provided fencing at the enclosed play area at King's Field.

RESOLUTION to install fencing to improve security and access around the Rugby Field was

PROPOSED by Cllr Harris and **SECONDED** by Cllr Osben .

In favour **6** (including The Mayor and Deputy Mayor).

Against **0**

Abstentions **0**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cllr Jones confirmed that renovation work on the tennis courts was due to be completed imminently and that the preparation of the Sports Week brochure was underway. Funding requests for Sports Week were also being pursued, she commented.

3.3 Management/Maintenance of Council Property and Land

Cllr Jones reported that damp-proofing work at the Groundsman's Cottage was now complete and redecoration would ensue once the walls had dried.

Norse would soon be undertaking a variety of jobs and potholes in the roadway outside the Community Centre would be filled within days, she added.

Triumphantly, she announced that, finally, after a lengthy delay, contractors would be starting work on drainage improvements at King's Field. A Sport England grant of approximately £80,000 to pay for the work had been awarded some time ago, she explained, but the project had been held up by a number of unforeseen difficulties.

The Wildfowlers Association had undertaken to carry out a maintenance programme on the ponds they manage on behalf of ATC on the marshes.

Cllr Fellowes drew attention to late-night concerts at the Pump House and asked whether future lease negotiations should seek to clarify the use of the premises by Snape Music. She expressed concern that the Aldeburgh Festival programme advertised the Pump House as being available for parties, functions and events. The Town Clerk agreed to discuss this matter with Snape Music

4. New Property and Finance Business

There was no new property and finance business.

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 7.55pm.

