

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY JULY 22nd 2019 AT 7.00 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL**

Present: Cllr Jones took the chair

Committee Members Present:

Cllr Cox	Cllr Digby
Cllr Fox	Cllr Harris
Cllr Osben	Cllr Webster

There was one member of the public in attendance.

Apologies: Cllr Blackburn.

Cllr Piers-Hall was absent without apology.

2. Approval of previous Minutes

The draft Minutes of the Services Committee meetings held on Tuesday May 28th and Monday June 24th 2019 were approved by a show of hands and duly signed.

3. Matters for Discussion

3.1 Finance

Cllr Jones told the Committee the first-quarter variance report of expenditure against budget was now complete and would be circulated to all Cllrs by the Town Clerk. There were no areas of concern, she confirmed.

3.2 Sports

She reminded Cllrs that Sports Week was about to take place, with many events fully-booked. Norse had cut King's Field and were on-site marking out the required pitches.

3.3 Management/Maintenance of Council Property and Land

Cllr Jones told the Committee that she had reviewed a number of leases, including the renewal of the Wildfowlers Lease which would seek to include a clause providing for regular reviews, maintenance of the ponds and the removal of spent cartridges.

ATC's preferred land agent would soon begin negotiations on the marshes rent review and she confirmed the lease for the School Triangle does not prohibit the planting of fruit trees at the bottom of the bank, an idea suggested by Cllr Smith. Cllr Jones confirmed that the Town Clerk was progressing the legalities involved in renaming the School Field to Queen's Field.

Cllr Jones asked approval for additional expenditure on fencing at the children's play area on King's Field. She believed extra fence panels would improve security for the play area and the Rugby Club and would allay the concerns of residents of an adjoining property.

RESOLUTION to **APPROVE** expenditure on additional fencing to improve security around the children's play area at King's Field was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Harris and **SECONDED** by Cllr Cox.

In favour 7

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cllr Jones told the Committee the annual visit by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) would take place in September, with a number of minor problems to be remedied before the inspection.

She confirmed that drainage work on King's Field would begin shortly, now that she and Cllr Cox had reviewed and signed the contract. Residents would need to be informed about the ramifications of the project, which would include restricting access to the bottom part of the field for many months, temporary car park arrangements and the possible resiting of the recycling bins.

Cllr Fox drew attention to a poorly-maintained footpath running between the Church and Church Farm Road following complaints by a resident. The problem, revealed Cllr Fox, was overhanging trees but the difficulty lay in identifying the owner of the land. She and Cllr Cox would investigate and report back to the Committee.

Cllr Howard-Dobson sought clarification on the ownership of the public facilities at the Community Centre. She pointed out that the cleaning of these facilities left a great deal to be desired. The Town Clerk confirmed that while ATC owned the entire building, Norse were responsible for cleaning the facilities - a task that they failed to complete with depressing regularity.

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 7.10pm.