



ENVIRONMENT & WORKS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 7 November 2007

Present were Councillors J C Kirk (Chairman), Mrs J Anderson, A D Foster, B Slade, Mrs L Laird, C McMahon and K F Stringer.

In attendance were Mrs S J Bailey, Assistant Clerk & Financial Officer, and 5 members of the public and 1 press.

Before the commencement of the meeting, councillors discussed the need to hold an additional meeting of the council to consider an urgent matter regarding the Bede Pre-School Playgroup.

E51/07 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The bonfire event was declared a huge success and well attended evening. Several suggestions for next year's event were discussed which included more litter bins to be provided, to have one entrance to Manor Field to ensure the crowd is safely assembled in a designated area and the attendance of more First Aiders.

Helen Woodcock, Friends of Maltby School asked for volunteers to act as marshals for a forthcoming car boot sale.

E52/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk & Financial Officer was not present due to illness.

E53/07 ADOPTION OF THE MEMORIAL GARDENS, MALTBY

Councillor B Slade had been informed by RMBC the cost to remove the trees at the rear of the Memorial Gardens was in the region of £5,000 to £6,000 and it was agreed that further discussion is required with RMBC to determine responsibility for root damage to the adjacent properties.

RECOMMENDED: that in principle Maltby Town Council would like to adopt the Memorial Gardens but only after the problems with tree roots and any other legal matters had been clarified.

E54/07 CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

The Assistant Clerk and Financial Officer reported that the installation of the lights had commenced and at the moment the contractors were on schedule. She further reported that a very positive response for additional lights had been received and this would result in an overspend on the original budget.

RECOMMENDED: that the report of the Assistant Clerk & Financial Officer be noted.

E55/07 MILTON STREET ALLOTMENT SITE

The committee was informed that the temporary fencing was going up and work on the stream was to be started in the near future.

E56/07 CHRISTMAS MARKET

Three quotations for transportation of the market stalls from Harrogate were examined and discussed. The final decision was based on the contractor ensuring the stalls erected before 8 am on the Sunday morning and that the stalls were insured whilst in transportation and storage.

RECOMMENDED: that the quotation from Mr B Fuller be accepted.

E57/07 PLANTING SCHEME ON THE QUEENS CORNER

Concerns were raised that the damaged to the railings on the Queens Corner had not been repaired by RMBC.

RECOMMENDED: that the Assistant Clerk and Financial Officer chase up RMBC with reference to the damage railings.

E58/07 PROGRAMME OF HORTICULTURAL WORK IN 2008

Councillor Slade suggested that the Council should employ a handyman to maintain the beds on Braithwell Road and that we no longer require the current contractor. It was agreed by the committee to terminate the contract of the contractor.

RECOMMENDED: that (a) in future, the tending of planting beds on Braithwell Road and other horticultural work be undertaken directly by the council and (b) the services of the council's current contractor be terminated.

It was decided to discuss the Garden Competition and the Horticultural Show for 2008. at the January meeting of the Committee.

E59/07 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The following items were raised:

- To dispose of the old large Christmas Lights – It was suggested to contact Irvine Martin to see if the lights could be recycled.

E60/07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was arranged for 7.00 pm on Wednesday 2 January 2008 at the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall, Tickhill Road, Maltby.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.