

PRUDHOE TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT minutes of Planning, Contract & Works committee, held at Spetchells Centre at 7.00pm, 11th July 2018

Present: Cllr Jennifer McGee (Chair), Cllr Gerry Price, Cllr Russ Greig, Cllr Angie Scott, Cllr Tracy Gilmore, Cllr Chris Cuthbert, Cllr Holly Kelleher, Cllr Ignasious Varghese. Independent Clerk, Monica Anderton also present.

1819/014: Apologies for absence: Cllrs Simpson, Futers, Gill, Stephenson and Couchman

1819/015: Declarations of Interest: Cllr Greig and Cllr Scott declared a non-pecuniary interest as Friends of Eastwood Park.

1819/016: Minutes of the Planning, Contract & Works committee (with Extraordinary item) held on 13th June 2018: Cllr Cuthbert noted that the top line of p.3 (item 1819/005) should read 50%+1. With that proviso the Minutes were **Agreed**

1819/017: Matters Arising: To accept report from the Acting Clerk on the relevant matters noted.

1819/018: August Meeting: It was agreed that the August meeting should be held on 15th August. Cllr Kelleher gave her apologies for then

1819/019: Town Council Play Areas: The following actions were agreed for each Play park:

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| a) Orchard Hill: Gate | Agreed |
| Surface: | Agreed to delay whilst a small group looks at the issue and reports back to the Town council |
| b) Castledene: Fencing | Agreed |
| Gate | Agreed to get a quote |
| Signage | Agreed to go ahead as budgeted |
| Swing/cantilever tyre | To leave for now and look at in more detail |
| Toddler Swing/chain wear | Replace when 36% reached; reglue and fill gaps as advised |
| Rotator – Pirhouet | Get a quote |
| c) The Copse: Litter bin | SE to do as offered |
| Seat | Add to seats tender |
| Signage | To go in quote with others |
| d) Highfield Park: Gates in Junior Play | Agreed to do |
| Cableway | Acting Clerk asked to check and agree a course of action |
| Space net | Agreed to do |
| Multiplay – Junior | Agreed to do (NCC may fund this) |

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e) Highfield Skatepark:

Cycle BMX track Agreed to get 3 quotes for this

Skate concrete blocks Agreed to do

Skate Half Pipe and Quarte Pipe – Welding repairs need redoing – Agreed

It was agreed also that a longer think may be needed about the Skatepark whether to upgrade it or not. This could prove to be very expensive. It needs to be considered in the budget cycle or it may have to go as repairs are continuous.

1819/020: Christmas Lights: Following discussion and noting the budgetary constraints, Cllr McGee proposed and Cllr Gilmore seconded that the repairs should go ahead.

With reference to the specific highlighted items:

Ceiling light in the Glade- it was agreed to try again for another year despite vandalism;

Deciduous trees in the Glade: Agreed to go ahead and use contingency funds;

Artificial trees: to be looked at in the next budget cycle;

Cross St. Lighting: to consider next year as well

Santa motif: agreed that a new site needs to be found for this.

1819/021: Planning Matters:**A) Planning Applications****West Wylam Ward**

School House, 25 Front Street

18/02163/FUL

Construction of first floor extension **Supported****West Wylam Ward**

Former Prudhoe Police Station. 24 Front Street

18/02051/FUL

Change of use to veterinary surgery and supported living units **Supported****Prudhoe West & Halfway Ward**

Prudhoe first School

18/02065/FUL

Loft conversion etc.

Supported (Cllr Gilmore declared an interest)

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Proposed two storey extension at 61 Castle road 18/02309/FUL

Supported

B) Planning Decisions – the following were accepted:

Castlefields & Low Prudhoe Ward

Land south of 8 Regent's Drive, Low Prudhoe 18/01351/FUL

New warehouse distribution unit etc. **Granted permission**

West Wylam Ward

Former Prudhoe Hospital Site 18/00565/VARYCO

Removal of condition 12 (Contamination/Pollution) re 14/01047/FUL

PTC OBJECTED; NCC SUPPORTED

Castle & Eltringham Ward

22 Masters Crescent – 2 storey extension 18/01414/FUL

PTC SUPPORTED; NCC Decision outstanding

To approve a motion, that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the press and public be excluded for consideration of the following item, in accordance with Section 68 of the council's Standing Orders:

1819/022: Youth Provision in the Summer holidays:

Cllr Gilmore took the Chair for this item:

The following actions were agreed (or not):

1. *Mini Me*: Agreed to fund for 10 for 6 session at accost of £300;
2. *Churches of Prudhoe*: Agreed to fund up to £600;
3. *Ferndene*: Agreed to fund at £680 – considered very good value;
4. *Prudhoe Motor Project*: Agreed to fund for £400;
5. *Happy Faces*: Agreed to fund £1560.85 but more information was required which the Acting Clerk has supplied;

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6. *Computing 4 Kids NE*: Agreed to fund for more than one session: £850;
7. *Waterworld*: Agreed to support to £1000 as sessions will go ahead with or without extra funding (SE has clarified);
8. *Prudhoe Children's Centre*: Agreed to fund £250;
9. *Friends of Eastwood Park*: Agreed to fund £1310.00
10. *Mortal Fools*: Play in a week for autumn half term to be looked at later: Play writing option agreed at £2280.00 but clarification sought re age range bands/ numbers of children;
11. *Northern Dance Stars Academy*: Clarification provided by SE and TC to offer £616 initially which can be increased if uptake is sufficient;
12. *Active future*: Agreed but costs will depend on timetabling sessions;
13. *Waterworld (for 2-4yo)*: Agreed with costs to be provided;
14. *Forest Adventurers*: Costs of £720 agreed but again timetabling needs clarifying;
15. *Fun Station*: Agreed to cost of £240 for Pirate/Princess session;
16. *Prudhoe Poppets*: More information has been asked for and SE will liaise with the Chair on this.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm