

FILEY TOWN COUNCIL

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2008

Present: Cllr E Holden (in the chair) Cllr C Hodgson, Cllr D Murton,
Cllr Mrs J Viles, Cllr Mrs M Wright
Mr K Leathley – Health & Safety Advisor to the Council (non voting)
Clerk – Mrs G Robinson

NOTICE OF THE MEETING

RESOLVED : That Public Notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with Schedule 12, para 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972

149/08

APOLOGIES

Cllr S Cross had sent his apologies due to a work commitment.

RESOLVED: That Cllr S Cross's apologies be accepted.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members had previously been circulated with a revised draft of the document which incorporated the previous Terms of Reference document. Members were in full agreement to approve the draft document and it was

RESOLVED : That the revised draft Terms of Reference document for the Property Committee be accepted for referral back to the Strategic Planning Working Party prior to being submitted to full Council for approval.

151/08

PROPERTY UPDATE

The Clerk updated members of the Property Committee on the following items:

Commemorative Seating

The Clerk reported that the council had suffered several incidents of vandalism over the past two weeks to commemorative seating. Each incident had been reported to the Police and additional monitoring of Crescent Gardens and Queen Street Gardens areas by the PCSO's had been requested. The Clerk stated that owners of the commemorative seats were currently being informed. Members were very concerned that relatives who had commemorated a seat in memory of a loved one would find this act of vandalism very upsetting. It was

RESOLVED: That the above vandalism be raised by Members of the Property Committee at the next Community and Police Meeting to be held on 5 March 2008.

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The Lawns Cemetery

The Clerk informed Members that she had seen footage of the whole of the Lawns Cemetery drainage after an internal camera had been placed inside them. An SBC Engineer advised that the footage showed no areas for concern and that no action to clean or clear the drains was necessary. The Clerk stated that she was awaiting further information regarding drainage options from Scarborough Borough Council Engineers and would inform members as soon as this information was received. It was

RESOLVED: That this information be noted.

153/08

Members were also concerned about the land off Muston Road behind the cemetery being sold by Scarborough Borough Council and whether this included the cemetery overspill and it was

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Head of Estates and Property to clarify the ownership of the cemetery extension and to request detailed information of the size of the area.

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PROPERTY UPDATE Continued

Queen Street Garden

The Clerk informed Members that vandalism had also occurred in Queen Street Gardens resulting in one half of the fence being forced from its mounting and thrown onto the next level of the garden. A large blue litter bin had also been thrown in to the garden and rubbish had blown all over it, the bin had now been put back in situ by Scarborough Borough Council. The Clerk stated that the area had been taped off with Health and Safety tape but this had also been vandalised on several occasions. Members decided that a site visit was necessary and it was agreed to visit Queen Street Garden as part of the meeting:

Cllr Mrs M Wright left the meeting but the remaining members proceeded to visit Queen Street Garden.

Members were concerned that there was a Health and Safety issue in Queen Street Garden with no fence in place and considered whether to close the garden completely as advised by Mr K Leathley, the Health and Safety Advisor to the Council or whether to restrict access to the unsafe area which would allow access by the public to the majority of the garden. A proposal was made and seconded and upon being put to the vote to chain off the unsafe area at both access points and display 'No Access' signs until the contractor could replace the fencing. Cllr C Hodgson agreed to carry out this task and clear the garden of debris the same afternoon. It was

RESOLVED: That the unsafe area in Queen Street Garden be chained off at both access points and no access be allowed in this area until made safe. 155/08

RESOLVED: That the above vandalism be raised by Members of the Property Committee at the next Community and Police Meeting to be held on 5 March 2008. 156/08

Councillor E. Holden
Chairman