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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF  
ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT  
LEGION HOUSE, SOUTH STREET  
AT 6.30PM ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019.**

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**438. PRESENT.**

Members: Councillor R. Bayliss (Chairman).  
Councillors G. Allman, A. Badger, D. Bigby, Mrs G. Houlton, S.J.  
Houlton, D.J.G. Jones and J. Mills.

Officer: Jack Fargher, Town Clerk.

**439. APOLOGIES.**

There were two apologies for absence: Councillors Mrs M. Austin-Mills and J. G. Coxon.

These were received and noted by the Committee.

Councillor R.K. Bebbington was absent without apology.

**440. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION.**

There was one member of the public present. There were no questions.

Councillor Bayliss wished to point an inaccuracy in the report from the 'Friends of the Bath Grounds' report at page 3. The South Street entrance 'vision' claims at point 1 that the wooden bollards at the entrance are to be painted black. This is not the case. The Town Council passed a resolution in November 2018 that the bollards would be treated with wood preserver.

He requested that this information is passed back to the author of the report.

**441. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Councillor Bigby declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda items 8, 9, 15 and 16 as a Committee member of the 'Friends of the Bath Grounds'.

There were no other declarations of interest.

**442. DISPENSATIONS.**

There were no applications for dispensations.

**443. MINUTES.**

On the motion of Councillor Bayliss, seconded by Councillor Jones,

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

#### **444. ACCOUNTS.**

The Town Clerk presented the accounts for payment.

On the motion of Councillor Bayliss, seconded by Councillor S. J. Houtt,

**RESOLVED:** to pay the accounts in the sum of £7,500.38 as shown attached.

#### **445. LITTER PICKING.**

The Town Clerk reported that he had, unfortunately, received no report on the recent activities of the litter-picking champion Mr R. Gough.

This was noted by the Town Council.

Councillor Bigby wished to report two matters with respect to litter. He had noticed a large build-up of litter around junction 13 of the A42, particularly the north-bound exit. The Town Clerk replied that he would report this to the District Council.

Secondly, Councillor Bigby wished to remind the meeting that the 'Ashby Big Tidy-Up' is planned for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

#### **446. REPORT FROM 'FRIENDS OF THE BATH GROUNDS'.**

The Town Clerk presented a written report from 'The Friends of the Bath Grounds'.

On the motion of Councillor S.J. Houtt, seconded by Councillor Bigby,

**RESOLVED,** to receive and note the report from the 'The Friends of the Bath Grounds'.

Councillor Bigby reported that a maintenance meeting had recently taken place with the Town Clerk and the issues which are outlined in the written report and being progressed by the grounds maintenance team.

He asked for an update on two matters: the fence for the Japanese Knotweed and the damage to the footpath caused by Town Council vehicles being driven on it.

The Town Clerk replied that he has a couple of options to consider on the fencing issue. This would be dealt with when time permits. On the footpath issue he had issued an instruction to the ground staff that they should not be driving vehicles on the footpaths in any of the parks. He was considering long-term options for the provision of vehicles to assist in the litter collection process which may be more suitable for accessing parks and open spaces and have less potential impact to the fabric of the park.

#### **447. GREEN FLAG.**

The Town Clerk presented a written report on the implications of the Green Flag Award Scheme. Green Flag is a nationally recognised award that supports organisations that provide quality green spaces. It was launched in 1996 to transform the country's green open spaces which had gone into decline during the 1970s and 1980s. Today more than 1,600 parks and green spaces have been awarded a green flag.

It has shown that running a park that is well-used and valued by its community is about more than just cutting the grass. It has established that effective management and the use of skilled staff, along with the support of the local community, are key to creating fantastic public parks.

The Town Clerk pointed out that all of the parks in this area (except one) which have been successful in an application for Green Flag are run by their principal authority. This may be no coincidence due to the level of resources required to meet the assessment criteria.

This was received and noted by the Committee.

Councillor Bigby welcomed the report. His view is that the Town Council should consider a management plan for the Bath Grounds, as the premier open space within the town, which will enhance the park and protect it for the long-term.

On the motion of Councillor Bigby, seconded by Councillor Allman,

**RESOLVED**, to direct the Town Clerk to undertake further exploratory work on the implications of developing a management plan for the Bath Grounds with a view to making a future application for a Green Flag award.

#### **448. PROPOSED ADOPTION OF LAND AT THE FORMER SOAP FACTORY SITE.**

The Town Clerk reported that this matter is still in the hands of the Town Council's solicitors. Matters are now nearly complete.

This was received and noted by the Committee.

#### **449. PROPOSED ADOPTION OF LAND OFF LEICESTER ROAD FROM DAVID WILSON HOMES.**

The Town Clerk reported that this matter is still in the hands of the Town Council's solicitors. Matters are now nearly complete.

This was received and noted by the Committee.

#### **450. MULTI-USE GAMES AREA FOR WESTFIELDS RECREATION GROUND.**

The Town Clerk reported that work to construct and install the multi-use games area at Westfields Recreation Ground is not yet been complete. There have been some issues with the finish which the Town Clerk has found to be unacceptable.

Contractors have been on site again today to try and remedy the situation.

This was received and noted by the Committee.

**451. REPAIRS TO PLAY AREA AT MALVERN CRESCENT.**

The Town Clerk reported that the fencing around the junior play area at Malvern Crescent has now repaired and a new maintenance gate installed.

This was received and noted by the Committee.

**452. REPLACEMENT PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR CHAPMANS MEADOWS.**

The Town Clerk reported that the replacement play equipment at Chapmans Meadows has now been installed as resolved by the Town Council.

This was received and noted by the Committee.

**453. REPLACEMENT GATES AT THE CRICKET CLUB COMPOUND.**

The Town Clerk reported that replacement gates have now been installed at the Cricket Club compound on the Bath Grounds.

**454. WORK TO BATH GROUNDS ROADWAY.**

The Town Clerk reported that following the resolution of the Town Council to undertake the remedial work to the roadway into the Bath Grounds from the Prior Park Road entrance work has now started.

This was received and noted by the Committee.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.53pm.

Chairman ..... Date.....

# Ashby De La Zouch Town Council

## Expenditure transactions - approval list

Start of year 01/04/18

Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Cheque Total
485	6143	£187.79	1300/2	20/02/19	S & J Neal Ltd - repairs	£187.79
486	6144	£1,371.50	1900/1	20/02/19	Kilworth Machinery Ltd - machinery servicing	£1,371.50
487	6145	£37.30	1600/10	20/02/19	Suez R & R - trade waste	£37.30
488	6146	£87.77	1800/2	20/02/19	Severn Trent Water Limited - water services charges	£87.77
489	6147	£74.78	400/1	20/02/19	Sage (UK) Ltd - supplies	£74.78
490	6148	£440.00	500/2	25/02/19	LRALC - internal audit service	£440.00
491	6149	£4,984.20	2500/9	25/02/19	Lumalite - Christmas lights	£4,984.20
492	6150	£317.04	1600/4	25/02/19	Swithland Spring Water Ltd - supplies	£317.04
<b>Total</b>		<b>£7,500.38</b>				

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