

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ROCK PARK TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE meeting held on Wednesday 14th July 2021 commencing at 7.00pm in the Guildhall, Butcher’s Row.

Present: (Chairman) Cllr A Rennles
Cllrs P Leaver & V Nel.

In attendance: Mr R Ward (Town Clerk)
D Smith – Friend of Rock Park
I Williams – Friend of Rock Park

RP197 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors V Elkins (health), R Knight (prior appointment) & L York (family). Considered and approved by councillors. (NC)

RP198 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations Granted
Cllr Nel declared an interest in one of the bookings for Rock Park.

RP199 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th January 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

RP200 Budget Monitoring Report
The half year grant from the Town Council has been paid into the account.
Mr Williams asked if it would be possible for extra noticeboards to be provided to give more information about activities in the park.
He also asked if it would help if standpipes were needed to assist with watering. The Town Clerk explained that option was being considered for the “harvesting of grey water” from buildings in the town to reduce the reliance on mains water for plants, also to be planting more drought resistant plants in order to reduce the need for watering.

RP201 Requests for use/hire of Rock Park

Activity	Date
Parkrun	Saturdays
Junior Parkrun	Sundays
Barnstaple Air Cadets	Thursdays
Saturday Afternoon Soccer (SAS) - junior football	Weekends
Eastside Football - junior football	Weekends
Ladies Group Strength Training and Personal Training	Various times
Barnstaple 10K Run	4 th July
Rowlands Fair (Junior play)	23 rd to 25 th July
Early Years Complex Needs Service	4 th Aug & 1 st Sept
South West Inflatables	11 th & 12 th August
Barnstaple Half Marathon	25 th & 26 th September
Race for Life	19 th June 2022

RESOLVED: To approve and note the current bookings as presented (NC)

RP202 Town Clerk Report

1. The Town Clerk presented his report into the use of the grass area next to the play area by Rowland's Fair for the period 10th to 19th June. The outcome of the event was very positive and a great many people attended the fair. There was very little disruption and initial concerns by residents and users of the park did not come to fruition.

Councillors were in favour of a future bookings of this nature but wanted to highlight that advance notice to residents is necessary (NC).

2. The Town Clerk reported that there is still a problem of anti-social behaviour and damage to the toilets and kiosk. As a result of the upgrade to the North Devon Council CCTV system it would be possible to add two additional cameras for less than £2,000 to provide a deterrent and detection for the building.

Councillors approved the purchase of two CCTV cameras (NC).

3. There has been an increased use of the park by personal trainers running fitness and "boot camp" activities. The Town Clerk has investigated the need for this use of the park to be managed and to ensure that the liability of the trust be managed. Two users have already been asked to register but no charge levied.

Councillors agreed that a draft policy to cover this activity be brought o a future meeting (NC).

4. Cllr Shah had raised concerns about the water play equipment in the play area, as he was not present this was deferred to a future meeting.
5. Two pieces of play equipment have recently been refurbished:

- The rope climbing frame has a new net at a cost of £6,037
- The trampoline has a new mat at a cost of £1.934

6. **RESOLVED:** to note that a Memorial Oak Tree in recognition of Nigel Brooks, a composer born in Barnstaple in 1926 (NC).
7. **RESOLVED:** to approve a request for a memorial tree in memory of Mrs L Taylor, a teacher at Yeo Valley School in Barnstaple for 35 years, the family are happy to have suggestions as to the type of tree which if approved will be planted in the autumn (NC).
8. Councillors asked that the updated Rock Park Memorial & Commemoration Policy presented for adoption be amended to include further consideration about options for trees and benches (NC).
9. Councillors agreed to note the update regarding the pollarding of the three trees in the play area as a result of them being identified as having Ash Die Back (NC)
10. Correspondence was received re mud that forms around the exercise equipment when we have periods of heavy rain, councillors asked that officers investigate alternative safety surfaces (NC).

Meeting closed 8.27pm.

Chairman.

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