

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 22 2018 AT 7.27 pm**

Present: Cllr Jones took the chair

Committee Members Present:

Cllr Bond	Cllr Cox
Cllr Digby	Cllr Fox
Cllr Harris	Cllr Kiff
Cllr Partel	Cllr Worster

There was one member of the public in attendance.

Apologies: There were no Apologies.

Approval of previous Minutes

Cllr Jones commended the draft Minutes of the Property and Finance Committee meeting held on Monday September 24 2018 which were **APPROVED** by a show of hands. The Minutes were duly signed (Cllr Jones abstained because she was absent from the meeting).

3. Matters for Discussion

3.1. Sport

Cllr Jones reported on mixed fortunes for the Bowls Club in local leagues, with a meeting with club officials to be held shortly to discuss income and expenditure accounts. With Cllr Cox, she would be attending the Tennis Club AGM.

3.2 Sport/Management/Maintenance of Council Property and Land

Cllr Jones confirmed that the re-roofing of Pet Perfection was now complete and that damp issues at the Museum Office were being addressed, together the installation of a non-return valve and the repair of a faulty exterior light on the premises.

She told Cllrs that Norse had started an extensive work programme which included hedge cutting, ditch and allotment clearance operations.

She reported on a meeting she and Cllr Cox had with the contractor who had installed the ramp between the rugby field and King's Field for the Music by the Sea event. The slope had proved unsatisfactory, Cllr Jones said, and remedial work would be needed to make it suitable for the long-term. The contractor had fulfilled the job specification agreed with the event promoter, she added, and told Cllrs the invoice, which had been disputed, would now be paid.

She expressed disappointment with repainting work on the lower tennis courts and was awaiting a meeting with the contractor to discuss the issue.

She asked Cllrs to consider purchasing new Christmas lights to adorn the exterior of the Moot Hall. She explained that the current lights had been repaired at some cost on a number of occasions and were no longer fit for purpose. She believed replacement lights could be purchased for approximately £1,500 and would last at least three years. Cllr Jones

commented on the beauty of the Moot Hall lights, particularly approaching the town from the Church or from Thorpeness. She told Cllrs that some contingency funds were available towards the cost of the lights.

Cllr Fellowes asked if a leasing arrangement was a cheaper option, particularly as the lights only seemed to last three years. She was advised by the Town Clerk that this had been considered but was not financially prudent. Cllr Worster pointed out that proximity to the sea and the elements was a factor in the length of time the lights would function successfully.

A **PROPOSAL** to purchase a new set of Christmas lights for the Moot Hall costing up to £1,500 was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Cox and **SECONDED** by Cllr Worster.

In favour **9**

Against **0**

Abstentions **0**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. New Property and Finance Business

Cllr Jones confirmed that she and the Town Clerk were working on finances to the end of September to enable the half-year variance report to be compiled and the projection to be completed for the basis of the budget. Leases for Mint Fitness and the Community Centre were being progressed.

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 7.37 pm.