

**WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2007 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, West Borough, Wimborne Minster.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Cllr L G Harvey (Chairman)**  
**Cllr Ms A McCarthy (Vice-Chairman)**  
**Cllr J Burden**  
**Cllr Mrs B S J Feltham**  
**Cllr A J Hampton**  
**Cllr Mrs D J March**  
**Cllr A K Oliver – Ex-Officio – Chairman of the Council**  
**Cllr R D Cook - Ex-Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council**

**COMMITTEE MEMBER NOT PRESENT**

**Cllr R W Booth**

**109** **RECREATION GROUNDS INSPECTION REPORT**

The Town Clerk submitted the Recreation Grounds Inspection report, a copy of which was circulated to each Member at the meeting and a copy of which appears as Appendix A to these Minutes.

Cllr Burden reported that football training was taking place on the Rugby Pitches at Leigh Park and the Town Clerk would check whether this was with the agreement of the Rugby Club.

He also mentioned that the dog bins were not being emptied weekly as they should be, on which the Town Clerk would make enquiries.

**110** **SPORTS FACILITY CHARGES**

The Town Clerk submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix B to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

No changes were proposed to the existing range of sports facility charges for 2008/2009.

Cllr Mrs March referred to her request to display on Redcotts Recreation Ground's notice board a fixture list showing which teams were playing, where and when and that the Committee monitors at each meeting the extent of use of the pitches.

In reply, the Chairman and Town Clerk doubted the value of this proposal or of its interest to the public for the amount of work involved. This view was shared by other Members.

However, the information was available in the office and the Town Clerk would make it available to Cllr Mrs March on request.

**RESOLVED** that the sports facility charges for 2008/2009 remain unchanged, but be reviewed again in August 2008.

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**DRAFT BUDGET 2008/2009**

The Town Clerk submitted a report and draft budget, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix C to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Chairman referred to the provision in the draft budget for new buildings of £10,000 and asked that the Committee agrees to reduce this to £5,000. He, the Vice-Chairman and the Town Clerk had met a representative from East Dorset District Council's design team and as a result the proposal to build new storage facilities and toilets would need further consideration. This would mean that it was unlikely that the original sum would be required in 2008/2009.

Cllr Mrs March asked the Committee to consider the proposal (contained in a private letter to all Members dated 7 October 2007) to let Redcotts Lodge at full market rental to help fund the new buildings project instead of it being occupied by the Head Groundsman as has been customary.

The Chairman pointed out that this issue was not a matter for this Committee, but for Policy & Review Committee because it related to the conditions of service of the Head Groundsman.

Cllr Mrs March's proposal was not supported by other Members.

**RESOLVED** that the draft budget as amended above be approved for submission to the Policy & Review Committee.

(Note: Cllr Mrs March asked for it to be recorded that she had voted against this decision.)

The meeting closed at 7.16 pm

Signed .....Date.....  
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council