

**WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2007 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, West Borough, Wimborne Minster.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Cllr L G Harvey (Chairman)**  
**Cllr R W Booth**  
**Cllr J Burden**  
**Cllr A J Hampton**  
**Cllr Mrs D J March**  
**Cllr A K Oliver – Ex-Officio – Chairman of the Council**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

**Cllr Ms A McCarthy (Vice-Chairman)**  
**Cllr Mrs B S J Feltham**  
**Cllr J A Perry, JP - Ex-Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council**

**78** **RECREATION GROUNDS INSPECTION REPORT**

The Chairman submitted for information an oral report, a written copy of which appears as Appendix A to these Minutes.

**79** **SOIL RELIEVER SR60 DEEP TINE AERATOR**

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.

The Committee was asked to consider purchasing this machine which hitherto had been hired.

The Town Clerk added that C&O Tractors had offered to store the machine free of charge and deliver it to the Groundsmen whenever it was needed. The company would also service the aerator in return for using it at demonstrations of its capabilities.

**RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council purchase the Soil Reliever SR60 Deep Tine Aerator for £10,000 with half the cost being met from the Recreation & Leisure Asset Replacement fund and the remainder from General Balances.

**80**                    **DORSET LIBRARY SERVICE**

The Town Clerk submitted a report 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 Town Council had been informed of the County Council's decision to reduce the hours of opening of Wimborne Library from 47.5 to 35 per week and invited to pay to top up the County Council funded hours.

The Town Clerk reminded Members that in his opinion there was no statutory power to meet the cost of library services.

**RECOMMENDED** that no action be taken to meet the cost of any additional hours of opening at Wimborne Library.

**81**                    **STORAGE ACCOMMODATION & TOILET BLOCK**

The Town Clerk reported that in July 2006 the Town Council passed the following resolution:

- (a) that the replacement of the existing temporary storage containers, garage and toilet block with a new building be approved in principle;
- (b) that the Town Clerk arrange for the Working Party to have preliminary discussions with Wimborne Bowls Club on the proposals;
- (c) that the District Council be asked to kindly provide the usual free design service and submit some sketch drawings for the Committee's consideration;
- (d) that a report on costings and financing the project be made as soon as possible.

The Town Clerk added that no action had been taken to implement those resolutions in view of the expected decision by the District Council in the autumn of 2006 on the recreation area off Leigh Road known as "BytheWay", coupled with the incapacity of the Head Groundsman.

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Both of these issues had been resolved, but before progress was made the Chairman wanted the Committee to reaffirm its commitment to the project.

A working party would be appointed at the next meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the previous decision be reaffirmed.

The meeting closed at 7.22 pm

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