

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2008 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr L G Harvey (Chairman)
Cllr R W Booth
Cllr Mrs B S J Feltham
Cllr A J Hampton
Cllr Mrs D J March
Cllr R D Cook – Ex Officio – Chairman of the Council
Cllr J Burden – Ex Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council

COMMITTEE MEMBER NOT PRESENT & APOLOGIES GIVEN

Cllr Ms A McCarthy (Vice-Chairman)

99 **RECREATION GROUNDS INSPECTION REPORT**

The Chairman gave an oral report, a written version of which appears as **Appendix A** to these Minutes.

With regard to the recently refurbished roundhouse, Cllr Mrs March was concerned that with no partition, there would be little protection from strong winds and driving rain. She also asked that the leaves from the horse chestnut trees affected by canker be burned once collected following leaf fall.

100 **DOG FOULING CONTROL (Min 209 - 13.03.07)**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a letter dated 24 July 2008 from East Dorset District Council's Pollution Control Manager, 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 Town Clerk added that the Chairman and Cllr Mrs March would be meeting the new Dog Warden in the near future to discuss when and where the patrols would take place.

The Town Clerk would look at ways to publicise the new arrangements.

No further dog control orders were required at the present time.

101 **REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND - TOILETS & STORAGE**
(Min 146 - 04.12.07)

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 Committee was asked to consider whether it wished to proceed with a feasibility study for new toilets and groundsmen's storage accommodation at Redcotts Recreation Ground on the lines suggested in the report.

RECOMMENDED

- (a) that the District Council be asked to carry out a feasibility study for new toilets and storage accommodation at Redcotts Recreation Ground including plans ready for any necessary planning applications and estimates of cost;
- (b) that the Town Clerk investigate the feasibility of installing portable (pod) toilets as an alternative to building them and report back.

(Note: Cllr Mrs D J March asked that her vote against this decision be recorded.)

102 **REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND - LIME TREES**
(Min 217 - 15.04.08)

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

The Committee considered what action to take with regard to the lime trees in Redcotts Recreation Ground. Any work to the trees would require consent under the Tree Preservation Order covering the trees.

RESOLVED

- (a) that, subject to consent from the District Council, the lime trees in Redcotts Recreation Ground and Leigh Park Playing Fields be pollarded at the earliest opportunity;
- (b) that, in addition to the quotation already received, the Town Clerk seek two further tenders for this work from contractors on the District Council's list and be authorised to accept the lowest of the three;

- (c) that, once pollarded, the lime trees at Redcotts Recreation Ground and Leigh Park Playing Fields be pollarded in alternate years.

103 **REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND - CYCLING**

The Committee considered a memo from Cllr R W Booth, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix E** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cllr Booth had asked the Committee to consider what action to take regarding the problem of cycling in Redcotts Recreation Ground.

The Committee was mindful of weighing the problem against the benefit of young children being able to learn to ride in Redcotts Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED

- (a) that, on balance, no action be taken at present, but the matter be reviewed in 12 months time;
- (b) that a press release be sent to the local press reminding the public of the existence of the no cycling by law.

104 **WIMBORNE BOWLING GREEN - STRI REPORT**

The Town Clerk submitted a report on the condition of the bowling green following an inspection by the Sports Turf Research Institute, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix F** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Generally, the green was in good condition, but some minor adjustments to the maintenance regime were suggested which would be carried out at the appropriate time.

105 **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL SPORTS & PHYSICAL
ACTIVITY STRATEGY 2008-2013**

Cllr Booth submitted his response to the strategy, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix G** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

No other responses had been received.

RESOLVED that Cllr Booth's comments be forwarded to the County Council.

106 SPORTS FACILITY CHARGES (Min 110 - 16.10.07)

The Committee reviewed the charges for sports facilities adopted in October 2007.

Following consideration of the charges made by a number of comparable venues it was

RESOLVED that no changes be made to the charges for the current financial year.

107 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

108 LEIGH PARK RUGBY PITCHES - MAINTENANCE

See Confidential Minute 108/310.

The meeting closed at 7.52 pm

SignedDate.....
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council