

**WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2009 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBER NOT PRESENT & APOLOGIES GIVEN**

**Cllr Mrs B S J Feltham**

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**RECREATION GROUNDS INSPECTION REPORT**

The Chairman submitted a 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 Mrs March raised the following issues:

the existence of wooden pallets behind Redcotts Lodge;  
the privet hedge was dead in places along the Victoria Road frontage;  
was the drinking fountain to be repaired/replaced?  
the leaves of the horse chestnut trees in Redcotts Recreation Ground were falling early as a result of canker and needed to be burnt.

In response, the Chairman said that he would check with the Head Groundsman about the wooden pallets as well as discuss with him the most suitable way to deal with the dead parts of the privet which was suffering from honey fungus.

As for the drinking fountain, he said that it had not proved possible to repair it but a complete new one could be installed for £400-£500.

The Town Clerk would obtain quotations for future consideration.

The leaves from the horse chestnut trees would be disposed of as last year.

**92                    DOG FOULING CONTROL (Min 247 - 28.04.09)**

The Town Clerk submitted for information an email dated 26 August 2009 from the 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 email advised the Town Clerk that a new Dog Warden, Grant Cole, had commenced his duties.

The Town Clerk had made arrangements for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr Mrs March to meet Mr Cole the next morning to discuss the priorities for dog fouling control in the Town Council's recreation grounds.

**93                    REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND - TOILETS & STORAGE  
(Min 249 - 28.04.09)**

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 report gave a progress report on this scheme which was in its early design stage.

The planning officers had suggested that part of the old tennis pavilion might be used as public toilets and the Committee was asked whether it would agree to this being costed.

If agreed by Members in principle, it would provide two options for the scheme to be designed and costed.

**RESOLVED** that the proposed use as public toilets of part of the old tennis pavilion be approved in principle to enable design work to proceed.

**94                    REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND - CYCLING  
(Min 103 - 02.09.08)**

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 had asked to review the situation regarding cycling in Redcotts Recreation Ground which it had considered in September 2008 and on which it had taken no specific action. The Recreation Ground by-laws made cycling on the paths an offence.

**RESOLVED** that in view of the difficulty in enforcing the by-law no action be taken at the present time.

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**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 E** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Generally, the green had improved since last year, but some minor adjustments to the maintenance regime were suggested which would be carried out at the appropriate time.

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm

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