

**WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 1 JUNE 2010 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Cllr P H Bartlett**  
**Cllr R W Booth**  
**Cllr J Burden**  
**Cllr A J Hampton**  
**Cllr L G Harvey**  
**Cllr Mrs D J March**  
**Cllr R P Trehane**  
**Cllr T F Wheeler – Ex Officio – Chairman of the Council**  
**Cllr R D Cook – Ex Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council**

**MEMBER ALSO PRESENT**

**Cllr Mrs S A Cook**

Chairman of the Council presiding.

**34** **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2010/2011**

**RESOLVED** that Cllr L G Harvey be elected Chairman of Committee for the 2010/2011 municipal year.

Cllr Harvey in the chair.

**35** **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2010/2011**

**RESOLVED** that Cllr R P Trehane be elected Vice-Chairman of Committee for the 2010/2011 municipal year.

**36** **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 asked if those refurbished benches which still had long bolt ends sticking out could be ground down. The Town Clerk would see that this was done.

The Chairman added that a lime tree on the path between the Roundhouse and the toilets was badly diseased and needed to be removed. A replacement would be planted in the autumn. The Town Clerk would check whether consent was required from the District Council.

**37**                    **REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND - MEMORIAL BENCH**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 21 May 2010 from Mrs M Dixon, 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 Mrs Dixon's request for a bench to be dedicated to the memory of her grandson, Sam Gunstone, who before his accidental death was a regular user of Redcotts Recreation Ground.

**RESOLVED** that Mrs Dixon be offered an existing bench in the Recreation Ground on which to affix a memorial plaque (the precise bench to be agreed with the Town Clerk).

(Note: Following the decision taken in the next Minute, it was suggested that Mrs Dixon might wish to donate a sum to the newly formed trust in lieu of payment for a new bench.)

**38**                    **REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND - FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 22 May 2010 from T Fachiri, 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.

Mr Fachiri and his group were proposing to establish a trust to raise funds to assist with maintaining equipment in Redcotts Recreation Ground in memory of Sam Gunstone, referred to in the previous Minute.

**RESOLVED** that Mr Fachiri be supported and thanked for his initiative and the Town Clerk suggest that he might wish to raise funds for a new skateboard half-pipe to replace the existing ramp installed in 1996.

**39**                    **DOG WARDEN PATROL REPORT**

The Town Clerk submitted for information the Dog Warden Patrol Report for April 2010, 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.

**40**                    **DOG CONTROL ORDERS (Min 92 - 01.09.09)**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a letter dated 21 May 2010 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 E** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The letter informed the Town Council of the District Council's decisions in respect of new Dog Control Orders.

The Town Council's land would be controlled as it was at present.

41 **LEIGH PARK - RELOCATION OF CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA**  
**(Min 253 - 27.04.10)**

The Chairman reported that he and the other Members of the Working Party had investigated various options for play equipment which could be sited next to the Leigh Park Community Centre & Children's Centre.

It was the view of most Members and other parties involved that completely new play equipment should be installed rather than re-site some of the equipment in the existing play area. Most of that equipment could be salvaged and stored to use as spares for the equipment in Redcotts Recreation Ground in due course.

The Chairman added that he favoured new equipment by Green Scheme Solutions Ltd which was made from recycled materials.

The Company had drawn up a provisional scheme involving six pieces of equipment for approximately £25,000 including safety surfacing.

The Town Clerk reported that a number of grant schemes had been investigated, but of those worth pursuing, only the Community Association was eligible to apply and this was in hand.

If the maximum benefit was to be realised by using the contractor building the Centre for groundwork, a decision on the new play equipment would be required within four to six weeks.

The Committee was asked if it would authorise the Town Clerk and Working Party to proceed with the Green Scheme Solutions Ltd proposal if funding was in place.

**RESOLVED** that, subject to a decision being necessary before the next meeting of this Committee and to funding being in place, the Town Clerk in consultation with the Working Party be authorised to proceed with the installation of new play equipment next to the Centre in Leigh Park on the understanding that all Members will be informed of the detailed costings in advance.

42 **KINGSTON LACY - NEW ALLOTMENTS**

The Town Clerk submitted an email from Jan Etchingham of the National Trust, 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.

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Mrs Etchingham had invited the Committee to visit the site of the new allotments at Kingston Lacy as well as seeking the Committee's support to the project.

**RESOLVED**

- (a) that the invitation to visit the new allotments be accepted with thanks and the Town Clerk make the necessary arrangements;
- (b) that an item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting following the visit to consider what support to give.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm

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