

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 7 MARCH 2017 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Mrs S A Bell (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)
Cllr S K Bartlett
Cllr J Burden
Cllr Mrs P A Hymers
Cllr Mrs D J March
Cllr R P Nunn
Cllr Mrs A E Roberts
Cllr Mrs S A Cook - Ex-Officio - Chairman of the Council
Cllr T F Wheeler – Ex-Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council

COMMITTEE MEMBER NOT PRESENT

Cllr L G Harvey (Chairman)

190 **CLLR HENRY BARTLETT**

Members stood in silence in memory of Cllr P H Bartlett, who died on 19 February 2017.

191 **RECREATION GROUNDS INSPECTION REPORT**

The Town Clerk 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.

Other issues raised by Members in respect of Redcotts Recreation Ground:

- i) the dog bins were being left full over the weekend instead of being checked/emptied on Fridays;
- ii) the new soakaway between the roundhouse and the pavilion was not working as well as it should;
- iii) there were unsightly weeds growing at the entrance to Redcotts Recreation Ground by the Lodge;
- iv) the grape vine on the south-west side of the pavilion had been pruned.

192 **GRASS TENNIS COURTS – FUTURE USE (Min 171 – 24.01.17)**

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.

In the report the Town Clerk suggested the Committee set up a working party to consider all ideas/suggestions for the future use of the grass tennis courts.

As well as Mrs Chedgy, the Town Clerk had received some ideas from Mr Lonsdale who lived near the grass courts and asked the Committee to consider co-opting both residents onto the working party.

RESOLVED

- (a) that a working party be appointed with the following terms of reference:
to prepare a briefing document for consultation with local residents, recreational users and the District and County Councils inviting ideas for the future use of the grass tennis courts area and report back with the results within 6 months;
- (b) that Mrs C Chedgy and Mr D Lonsdale be co-opted onto the working party as representatives of residents;
- (c) that a decision as to the Councillors to be appointed to the working party be deferred and determined at the informal meeting of Council on 14 March 2017.

193 **SUN CLOCK (Min 170 – 24.01.17)**

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 considered options and quotations for the installation of the sun clock in Redcotts Recreation Ground.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the quotation provided by Advanced Resin Solutions in the sum of £2995 be accepted and the cost be met from the General Fund.

(Note: If approved by Council the Committee asked that the colour of the resin be Green No 2 as shown on the company's website.)

194 **DOG WARDEN PATROL REPORTS**

The Town Clerk submitted for information the Dog Warden Patrol Reports for January and February 2017, copies of which had been circulated to each Member and copies of which appear as **Appendix D** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were concerned that the frequency of fouling was increasing both in the town centre and in the Town Council's recreation areas and that dog owners needed to be reminded of their obligations to pick up after their dogs and of the sanctions which could be applied if they did not.

RESOLVED

- (a) that the Town Clerk write to the District Council asking for an increase in the frequency of patrols by the Dog Wardens in the town centre;**
- (b) that the Town Clerk write an appropriate letter for publication in the Stour and Avon Magazine setting out the Town Council's concerns and the statutory sanctions that could be applied to recalcitrant dog owners.**

The meeting closed at 6.52 pm

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

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

To: Recreation & Leisure Committee

Date: 7 March 2017

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

RECREATION GROUNDS INSPECTION REPORT

REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND

The soakaway near the toilets has been completed. Turf will be laid where the grass has been removed on both new soakaways as seeds are not taking.

Additional top dressing has been applied to the pétanque pitch as mentioned at the last meeting. The benches around the pitch will be washed.

Advice has been obtained from the District Council officer who has had such success with the wild flower beds in the district. Seed has been acquired and preparing the ground in the areas previously selected will commence at the appropriate time.

The new litter bin has been delivered for the entrance opposite the hospital and will be installed this month.

Weeds have been sprayed with weed killer this week.

The steel goal triangles protecting the goal mouths on the back pitch will be repainted at the end of the football season.

New nets will be purchased for the basketball hoops.

Grass cutting and strimming will commence as soon as the weather improves.

Molehills have appeared in a small area of grass between the hard tennis courts and the back pitch which will be monitored before seeking advice on further action.

LEIGH PARK PLAYING FIELD

Weeds have been sprayed with weedkiller.

The new section of fencing between the Adventure Playground and the car park has been done.

Grass cutting and strimming will begin when the weather improves.

Date: 7 March 2017

Reference: LH/SF/Item 3 – GRASS TENNIS COURTS – FUTURE USE

Author: Town Clerk

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At its January 2017 meeting, the Committee agreed in principle to possible future uses for the grass tennis courts to enable further investigations to be carried out.
- 1.2 I have met with Mrs Chedgy who was present at the last meeting and has some ideas as well as some concerns on behalf of nearby residents. Having discussed the way forward with the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, we believe that the most effective option would be for the Committee to appoint a working party to consider all the ideas with costs and report back to the Committee.
- 1.3 So that the residents have a voice we also suggest that Mrs Chedgy be co-opted onto the working party.

2.0 Action required

- 2.1 If Members support this approach the Committee is asked to appoint a working party of 3 or 4 Members.

RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE

Date: 7 March 2017

Reference: LH/SF/Item 4 – SUN CLOCK

Author: Town Clerk

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 At the last meeting the Committee agreed in principle to the installation of the sun clock in the grassed area in front of the pavilion.
- 1.2 I have sought quotations from three firms which specialise in resin boded gravel but to date have received only one quotation. It is hoped the others will be available in time for the meeting.
- 1.3 All three firms recommend the resin bond be laid on a concrete base with a block paviour surround to form a clock edge. Obviously this is not cheap hence the first quote being £6980. However, if the Committee wishes to install the sun clock, it needs to look good.

2.0 Action required

- 2.1 If the other quotes are received in time for the meeting, the Committee is asked for its decision. If it wishes to proceed, the Committee will need to ask Council to meet the cost from the General Fund.
- 2.2 The Committee is also asked to give an indication of the colour of the resin to be used e.g. dark green to blend in.

Dog Warden Patrol Report

Month: **January 2017**

Parish: **WIMBORNE**

Total Hours: **8.50**

Date	Time Started	Time Finished	Comments
4/1/2017	10.45	12.15	Patrolled the Rec, 5 MOP seen of which 3 were seen to pick up.NO DFD observed on the paths or field.
6/1/2017	13.15	14.15	Patrolled leigh Park, one MOP seen, 2 DFD observed.
10/1/2017	15.30	16.30	Patrolled Redcotts, 2 MOP seen and both picked up, no DFD observed.
12/1/2017	11.00	12.00	Patrolled Leigh Park, 2 MOP seen, of which one was seen to pick up, 2 DFD observed and closed the gate to the children's play area
16/1/2017	13.00	14.00	Patrolled Leigh Park, one MOP seen and he picked up after both dogs.
19/1/2017	11.00	12.00	Patrolled Redcotts, 7 MOP seen, of which five were seen to pick up.no DFD observed.
30/1/2017	14.30	15.30	Patrolled the Rec, 6 MOP seen, of which 4 were seen to pick up, no DFD observed.
31/1/2017	13.30	14.30	Patrolled Leigh Park, 2 MOP seen, 1 seen to pick up.

Dog Warden Patrol Report

Month: FEBRUARY 2017

Parish: WIMBORNE

Total Hours: 7.50

Date	Time Started	Time Finished	Comments
2/2/2017	9:00	10.00	Patrolled Leigh Park, 1 MOP seen and 2 DFD on the field.
15/2/2017	8.30	9.30	Patrolled Redcotts, 4 MOP seen of which 3 were seen to pick up, 1 DFD observed.
16/2/2017	12.15	13.45	Patrolled Leigh Park, 4 MOP seen of which 2 were seen to pick up, 3 DFD observed.
17/2/2017	10.45	11.45	Patrolled Redcotts, 7 MOP seen of which 5 were seen to pick up, 2 DFD seen on the grass in front of Tennis Club.
20/2/2017	9.15	10.15	Patrolled Leigh Park, no Dog Walkers seen, 1 DFD observed.
22/2/2017	8.00	9.00	Patrolled Redcotts, 7 MOP seen of which 5 were seen to pick up, no DFD observed.