

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 25 APRIL 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 T F Wheeler – Ex-Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council

COMMITTEE MEMBER NOT PRESENT

Cllr Mrs S A Cook - Ex-Officio - Chairman of the Council

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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.

The Town Clerk added that unfortunately as the weather forecast had not proved favourable, the contractor installing the sun clock had not commenced the installation as expected yesterday. As soon as sunny weather was predicted the contractor would begin work.

Other issues raised by Members:

- i) the Town Clerk would investigate what machinery was available and prices for picking up grass cuttings after mowing;
- ii) the dead patches of privet hedge along Victoria Road to be removed to allow the healthy hedge to fill the gaps;
- iii) the Head Groundsman would visit the Hamworthy Sports & Recreation Club to see what topdressing was used on their pétanque pitch;
- iv) arrangements would be made when appropriate for a dedication ceremony to take place for the newly planted Red Oak tree;
- v) the litter emanating from rugby matches was not being put in the cage provided resulting in animals foraging in the bags

thereby creating a mess. The Town Clerk would raise the matter with the Chairman of the Rugby Club.

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REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND – BLIND LANE ENTRANCE

Prior to the meeting, the Committee had made a site visit to view the Blind Lane entrance to the Recreation Ground which had an untidy appearance.

The following works were agreed as desirable:

- i) a low retaining wall to be constructed on the north-east corner to create a raised bed for planting;
- ii) the existing barrier to be moved from the south-west side to the north-east side of the path;
- iii) new railings to be installed attached to the existing metal gate post and the existing old railings and gate post to be offered to The Priest's House Museum & Garden (an alternative offer would be made to Ian Willis if the Museum declined);
- iv) two separate options for resurfacing with asphalt a) that part of the footpath which had deteriorated and b) another to include the grassed area at the entrance near the gate;
- v) a sign to be installed at the entrance of similar design to those at the other entrances to the recreation ground.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk obtain quotations for the works indicated as i) to iv) above for consideration at the next meeting.

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DOG WARDEN PATROL REPORTS

The Town Clerk submitted for information the Dog Warden Patrol Report for March 2017, 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 meeting closed at 6.43 pm

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

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

To: Recreation & Leisure Committee

Date: 25 April 2017

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

RECREATION GROUNDS INSPECTION REPORT

REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND

All signs need to be cleaned.

The suckers around the limes will continue to be removed over the next week or so.

We have sought expert advice regarding the two new soakaways. The one between the roundhouse and the pavilion is deemed to be adequate but being a soakaway and not a drain water will linger once the soakaway tank is full but will drain eventually. The other soakaway near the toilets utilises an existing soakaway tank i.e. a drain has been laid to the tank from the grill. The advice is that the tank needs to be at least three times larger which could prove to be expensive.

The red oak has been watered regularly since its planting and has started to bud.

The wild flower areas desperately need rain but according to the source at the District Council from whom we sought advice they have been prepared exactly as they should be in order to achieve the results.

The area near the Lodge needs to be tidied up and a planting scheme for the raised bed will be implemented.

The people who were playing on the pétanque pitch have asked for additional surface dressing to be applied. The Head Groundsman is investigating the best option.

All the goalposts when removed will be repainted.

A new basketball net has been fitted to one of the goals where the net had been damaged.

Strimming and grass cutting will continue during this busy time of year.

LEIGH PARK PLAYING FIELD

Further weed-killing is required in and around the Adventure Play Area.

The various dog bins have been tampered with and need to be refitted.

Grass cutting and strimming around the edge of the Field will be undertaken as soon as possible.

The suckers on the lime trees will be removed.

Dog Warden Patrol Report

Month: MARCH 2017

Parish: WIMBORNE

Total Hours: 9.50

Date	Time Started	Time Finished	Comments
1/3/2017	15.30	16.30	Patrolled Leigh Park, 3 MOP seen of which 2 were seen to pick up.
2/3/2017	14.00	15.30	Patrolled Leigh Park, only 1 MOP seen had already picked up put the bag in the dog bin as she walked around the field.
7/3/2017	10.30	12.00	Patrolled Redcotts, 5 Mop seen, of which 3 were seen to pick up. 1 dfd seen on Redcotts lane and 2 on the playing field.
12/3/2017	11.45	12.45	Patrolled Leigh Park, 1 MOP seen, she walked onto the side of the field with 2 Chihuahuas, she was on the phone the whole time not looking once to see where her dogs were, I followed behind her for 8 minutes, when she got off the phone I identified myself and told her I had observed her busy on the phone not looking to see where her dogs were or what they were doing. I reminded her that the dogs did not have to be on lead but that they must be under control and for that to happen she needed to be paying attention to where they were, she apologised. I asked her if she had any dog bags, she said no. I gave her 10 and said If I see her not picking up she will be fined.
21/3/2017	9.30	10.30	Patrolled Redcotts, 6 MOP seen 4 were seen to pick up, spoke to Andy care taker from 1 st school re parents not picking up after dogs when collecting kids, will do patrols at that time and educate the dog owners and fine those not picking up.
22/3/2017	13.00	14.00	Patrolled Town centre, put up several pick up notices. Spoke to 4 dog walkers re responsibility of picking up and keeping the centre clean, all of those spoken to had bags.
23/3/2017	11.30	12.30	Patrolled Redcotts, especially the paths leading the the school. I sprayed 5 DFD seen on the path with illuminous biodegradable paint to highlight the dog fouling taking place and to help avoid people walking in it. advised Andy the care taker of the school, who mentioned he had earlier spoken to a lady who had reported several deposits on the paths.
28/3/2017	14.00	15.30	Patrolled Redcotts to observe the parents who bring dogs with when collecting their

			children from school.of the 14 seen 10 were seen to pick up.patrolled the paths and did not observe any further DFD then what were previously marked on the 23/3/2017 patrolled town centre, no DFD seen.
31/3/2017	13.00	14.00	Patrolled leigh Park, 3 MOP seen, of which 2 were seen to pick up.