

**WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cllr Mrs S A Cook (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 – Chairman of the Council  
Cllr R D Cook – Ex-Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council

**COMMITTEE MEMBER NOT PRESENT**

Cllr Mrs S A Bell (Chairman)

**111** **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.

Cllr Mrs March also submitted a list (with photographs) of items which she considered needed attention, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** to these Minutes.

The majority of Members felt that Cllr Mrs March should not be carrying out her own inspection and presenting it to the Committee but instead if there were issues she wished to raise, to do so direct to the Town Clerk as they arise.

Cllr Burden raised the issue of fly-tipping at Leigh Park Playing Field which had become a regular occurrence as well as the consistent amount of litter and empty alcohol receptacles. The Town Clerk would inform the Police of the possibility of under-age consumption of alcohol.

Cllr Bartlett felt that one reason for the amount of litter was that the bins which were supposed to be used by occupants of the adjacent flats were being used by non-residents and were being filled up prematurely leaving no room for residents' bin bags. The bin bags were then left in the open to be scavenged by foxes and cats allowing the contents of the bins to be blown around.

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He said that what was needed was a more secure bin area. The Town Clerk would discuss the problem with the relevant officer from the Housing Association.

Cllr Bartlett also raised the issue of the adventure playground at Leigh Park Playing Field. He acknowledged that it had been a low-cost facility provided 7 years ago when there was little funding available. He was also aware that Leigh Park was expected to receive monies from the Core Strategy Developments with which a proper facility could be financed. Therefore, he did not wish the Town Council to waste money if the playground was eventually being replaced but its current condition did not reflect well on the Town Council. The Town Clerk would discuss what scope there was for improvement with the District Council's Community & Open Spaces Manager and report back.

112 **SPORTS FACILITY CHARGES 2018/2019**

The Town Clerk submitted a schedule of current charges, 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 whether it wished to make any changes for next year.

**RESOLVED that the charges for 2018/19 remain the same as for 2017/18.**

113 **DRAFT BUDGET 2018/2019**

The Town Clerk submitted a draft budget, 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.

**RESOLVED that the draft budget, as submitted, be approved for consideration by Council at the appropriate meeting when the precept is set.**

114 **SUN CLOCK (Min 193 – 07.03.17)**

The Town Clerk submitted an email dated 27 September 2017 from Cllr Mrs March, 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 Committee was asked whether it wished to proceed with a suggestion to paint numbers on the surface of the resin surround to show British Summer Time. Councillor Mrs March did not support this suggestion but considered instead that a plaque be installed to inform users that the clock was laid out to show Greenwich Mean Time.

**RESOLVED** that no action be taken to paint numbers on the sun clock surround but a suitable plaque be fixed into the resin as suggested in the Councillor's email.

115            **VANDALISM & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a report, 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.

The report informed members of incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour which had taken place over the summer and the positive action taken by the Police.

116            **SOUTH & SOUTH EAST IN BLOOM PARK AWARD 2017**

The Town Clerk submitted for information the judges' report in respect of the South & South East in Bloom Park Award 2017 awarded to Redcotts Recreation Ground, 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.

Redcotts Recreation Ground had been awarded a Silver Gilt Award which the Committee was pleased to note. The Town as a whole had been awarded a gold medal.

However, Cllr Mrs March pointed out that in the section of the judges' report on Redcotts Recreation Ground entitled 'Assessors General Comments & Award Justification' the following statement was incorrect:

"Redcotts is a large area saved from developers by the dedication of the residents and the In Bloom team who lent weight to the protest against property development some years ago."

She stated that those who knew the Recreation Ground were well aware that Rev. J.M.J Fletcher and Mrs Fletcher gave the land to the people of Wimborne Minster on 11 December 1911 and that the Town Council took the decision in 2012 to further safeguard the land by registering it as a Q.E II Field in Trust so it could never be sold for any future property development.

As Chairman of Wimborne in Bloom, Cllr Nunn offered to write to South & South East in Bloom to point out the error.

**RESOLVED** that the congratulations of the Committee be extended to Wimborne in Bloom and the groundstaff be thanked for their efforts.

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**DOG WARDEN PATROL REPORTS**

The Town Clerk submitted for information the Dog Warden Patrol Reports for July, August and September 2017, copies of which had been circulated to each Member and copies of which appears as **Appendix H** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The meeting closed at 7.12 pm.

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

**WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**To: Recreation & Leisure Committee**

**Date: 10 October 2017**

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

**RECREATION GROUNDS INSPECTION REPORT**

**REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND**

Wimborne in Bloom will be submitting suggestions for planting out the bed at the Blind Lane entrance.

Following a complaint made via Cllr Mrs Chedgy, a tree surgeon will be asked to recommend works needed to remove some of the lower branches at the Culverhayes end of the Recreation Ground and to deal with the ivy growing up the trees. Also, the fir tree in the group of trees at that end of the Recreation Ground has had blue paint sprayed on it. No attempt will be made to remove it with the usual chemicals for fear of poisoning the tree.

The grass continues to grow very quickly and will be cut twice per week when possible.

Autumn hedge cutting has begun and will continue throughout this month.

The damaged surrounds around two manhole covers near the pavilion have been repaired and in one case a manhole cover has been replaced.

The damaged brickwork to the round house caused by vandalism has been repaired.

**LEIGH PARK PLAYING FIELD**

The weeds in the adventure playground have been skimmed off and wood chippings applied. Further chippings are needed in other parts of the playground and are on order.

The zip wire has been removed as repairs are necessary for which quotations are being obtained.

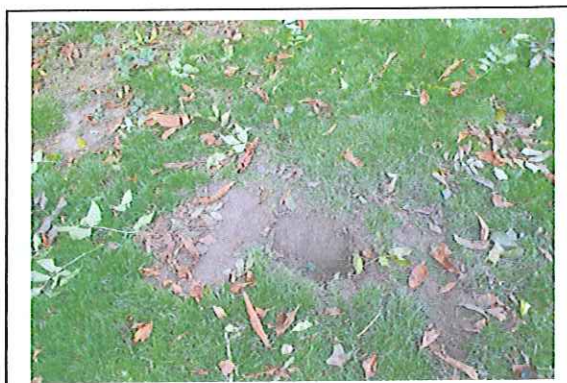
Litter continues to be a problem and picking it up takes a lot of the groundsmen's time.

The rugby pitches continue to look in good condition.

R&L Inspection Report for 10 October 2017-10-09  
Cllr Mrs Diann March



New stickers need to be larger and put lower down so bags do not cover them.



Hole needs filling in near corner going up to the copse of trees



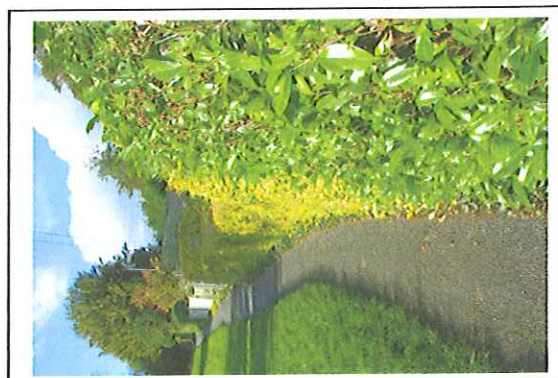
Why does the spurge not get pulled up?



Resident asked why weed killer been used instead of edging?



Weeds have still not been pulled up in Redcotts Lane (through Redcotts Recreation Ground) and none of the edging has been done or hedges cut back so the footpath is getting narrower and narrower in some parts for wheelchairs and pushchairs.



The bindweed is still not getting pulled out from where it is growing through the hedges and is just cut when the hedges are trimmed. More care needs to be taken when cutting the hedges to give them a more professional look.