



Dear Councillor

31 May 2018

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE** to be held on **TUESDAY 5 JUNE 2018 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room at the Town Hall, 37 West Borough, Wimborne Minster.

Members of the public are advised that they may speak at the meeting on items on the agenda, at the discretion of the Chairman, if notification is given to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurence Hart'.

Town Clerk

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence.
- 2 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2018/2019**
Cllr Mrs S A Bell to be proposed and seconded as Chairman of Committee for the 2018/2019 municipal year.
- 3 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2018/2019**
Cllr R P Nunn to be proposed and seconded as Vice-Chairman of Committee for the 2018/2019 municipal year.
- 4 **REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND - ROUNDHOUSE**
To consider the report of the Town Clerk (copy herewith).
- 5 **RECREATION GROUNDS INSPECTION REPORT**
To be tabled.
- 6 **DOG WARDEN PATROL REPORTS**
To receive the report for April 2018 (copy herewith).



Recreation & Leisure Committee – 5 June 2018

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

Cllr Mrs S A Bell (Chairman Elect)
Cllr R P Nunn (Vice-Chairman Elect)
Cllr J Burden
Cllrs Mrs S A Cook
Cllr Mrs P A Hymers
Cllr Mrs D J March
Cllr Mrs A E Roberts
Cllr T F Wheeler

Ex-Officio – Chairman & Vice-Chairman of the Council

(Members are reminded of the importance of letting the office know of non-attendance by noon on the day of the meeting)

LOCALISM ACT 2011 and CODE of CONDUCT

Members are reminded to comply with those elements of the Localism Act and the Town Council's Code of Conduct in respect of disclosable pecuniary interests.

GENERAL CONDUCT

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE

To: RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE

Date: 5 JUNE 2018

From: TOWN CLERK

REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND – ROUNDHOUSE

(Item 4)

Members will recall the spate of anti-social behaviour and vandalism which occurred in Redcotts Recreation ground this time last year. The police introduced a patrol plan which resulted in 3 offenders being dealt with and this was reported to the Committee on 10 October 2017.

However, Sgt Travers did send me an email on 16 October 2017 which contained the following text:

I know we have discussed this issue briefly before but I wanted to raise my concerns about the shelter in Redcotts Park. I am aware of more and more crime being reported there and I wanted to raise the possibility of the shelter being dispensed with.

- *It has been damaged several times and is rarely in a fit state to be used legitimately by decent people.*
- *Grace Butler has spoken to many of the local residents and they tend to agree that removal of the shelter would be a step towards reducing level of criminality there, in addition to the ASB that we see around the shelter.*
- *It is difficult to monitor effectively on CCTV*

I wondered what the feeling of the Council might be to this proposal?

I discussed the issue with the then Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Cllr Mrs Cook, who was also Chairman of the PACT Panel, and we agreed that the view of the PACT Panel should be obtained before putting the request before councillors. She agreed and the matter was considered at the PACT meeting in December 2017 and again at the February 2018.

At the February meeting although Sgt Travers was not present it was reported that, probably due to the weather, there were no problems although the situation with the Roundhouse would be monitored.

On 24 May 2018, Sgt Travers sent me an email which contained the following text:

I think perhaps it's time to review our previous discussions about removal of the Redcotts shelter. We have recent footage of kids smoking cannabis from bongs inside the shelter and also, several reports of the public so I don't feel the problem is being resolved with our patrol plan. My recommendation is to remove it I'm afraid.

The Committee is asked to consider the request to remove the Roundhouse.

Dog Warden Patrol Report

Month: **APRIL 2018**

Parish: **WIMBORNE**

Total Hours: **8**

Date	Time Started	Time Finished	Comments
3/4/2018	12.00	13.00	Patrolled Leigh Park. No dogs walkers seen.
5/3/2018	11.30	12.30	Patrolled Redcotts, 3 MOP seen with dogs, of which 2 were seen to pick up.
9/4/2018	15.00	16.00	Patrolled leigh Park. One MOP seen with a dog and picked up.
11/4/2018	12.15	13.15	Patrolled Redcotts. 5 MOP seen with dogs, of which three were seen to pick up, no DFD seen on the paths but 2 on the playing field.
13/4/2018	12.00	13.00	Patrolled the Rec. 5 MOP seen with dogs, of which 3 were seen to pick up.
23/4/2018	15.30	16.30	Patrolled Leigh Park, 2 MOP seen, one seen to pick up.
25/4/2018	12.15	13.15	Patrolled the Rec, 3 MOP seen, of which 2 were seen to pick up .No DFD observed on the paths, one seen on the pitch.
26/4/2018	14.15	15.15	Patrolled Leigh Park, one MOP seen with a dog and picked up.