

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2018 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Cllr Mrs S A Cook
Cllr R P Nunn (Vice-Chairman)

MEMBER ALSO PRESENT

Cllr W Richmond

64 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.

Cllrs Mrs A E Roberts reported that there was a hole appearing in the supporting wall of the skateboard ramp. This would be investigated by the Groundsman.

Cllrs Mrs D J March commented on the need to edge the footpaths. This work would be undertaken over the next few weeks.

The Committee was asked to consider whether the wild flower area at Redcotts Recreation Ground should be reseeded or left to self-seed.

RESOLVED that the wild flower beds be sprayed with weed killer at the appropriate time and reseeded in readiness for next Summer.

65 LEIGH PARK PLAYING FIELD – PLAY AREA FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Referring to the item on the Recreation Grounds Inspection Report relating to the condition of this play area and its future refurbishment, Cllr S K Bartlett reported that at a meeting with the District Council's Community and Open Spaces Manager (COSM) earlier that day, the

COSM had produced a recommended scheme, a copy of which was circulated to each Member at the meeting and a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** to these Minutes.

In view of the urgency to refurbish the play area, the Committee was asked to approve the layout (which might change slightly depending on ground conditions) so that the COSM could arrange for the installation, the £30,000 cost of which would be met from Section 106 payments from the Cranborne Road development.

The only contribution the Town Council was asked to make was towards the cost of removing most of the existing equipment (the tall swings would remain), the levelling of the site and the provision of woodchip safety surfacing and grass surround, estimated to cost up to £5000.

The proposed equipment would be capable of being relocated in the future should the Rugby Club move to another site.

RESOLVED that the proposed layout and installation be approved.

RECOMMENDED to Council that up to £5,000 be provided from the General Fund to meet the additional cost of preparing and completing the surface of the new play area.

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REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND – ROUNDHOUSE
(Min 23 – 05.06.18)

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.

In the report, the Town Clerk advised of a request by the Police to install a light in the Roundhouse in order to reduce antisocial behaviour and set out options for Members to consider.

Cllrs Mrs Roberts and Mrs March both commented that the anti-social behaviour problems were not currently coming from the Roundhouse but rather the area around the Jubilee grove of trees.

RESOLVED that the request to install lighting in the Roundhouse be refused and a meeting be arranged with the Police Superintendent responsible for Wimborne Minster to discuss increasing regular patrols of the Recreation Ground.

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BLIND LANE ENTRANCE BED – PLANTING SCHEME

The Town Clerk submitted a report, 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.

The report detailed the options recommended by Wimborne in Bloom for a planting scheme in the new bed.

RESOLVED that Wimborne in Bloom be asked to prepare a specific planting scheme for consideration by the Committee to include plants giving colour and others that can withstand periods of dry weather.

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DOG WARDEN PATROL REPORTS

The Town Clerk submitted for information the Dog Warden Patrol Reports for June, July and August 2018, copies of which had been circulated to each Member and copies of which appear as **Appendix E** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

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

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

To: Recreation & Leisure Committee

Date: 11 September 2018

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

RECREATION GROUNDS INSPECTION REPORT

REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND

The railings near to the toilets to be washed down to remove the green algae.

The lower foliage from the lime trees has been removed.

Grass cutting is continuing and weed killing has been undertaken.

A final cut of the hedges will be undertaken at the end of September/beginning of October. The hedge adjacent to Culverhayes will also be cut.

Further security for the gate leading to Culveryhayes will be investigated, to prevent the gate being lifted off from its hinges.

The renovation of the grass tennis courts (reseeding) will be undertaken this week.

The dead lime tree near the roundhouse will be replaced this week.

Further 'no dog fouling' signs will be obtained from the Dog Warden as one has been damaged near the play area.

The brass plaque for the grove of forty trees is showing signs of wear. The Groundsman will try to restore it to an acceptable standard by using an appropriate cleaner.

The wild flower beds have started to go over and will be topped in late autumn. A decision needs to be made as to whether to spray with weed killer and then reseed in February or whether to hope that the flowers will reappear in the spring from self-seeding.

One of the griselinia plants around the pavilion is dead and will be replaced.

The soakaway near the bowls club has sunk slightly as well as being dug up by a dog. It area will be levelled and reseeded.

LEIGH PARK PLAYING FIELD

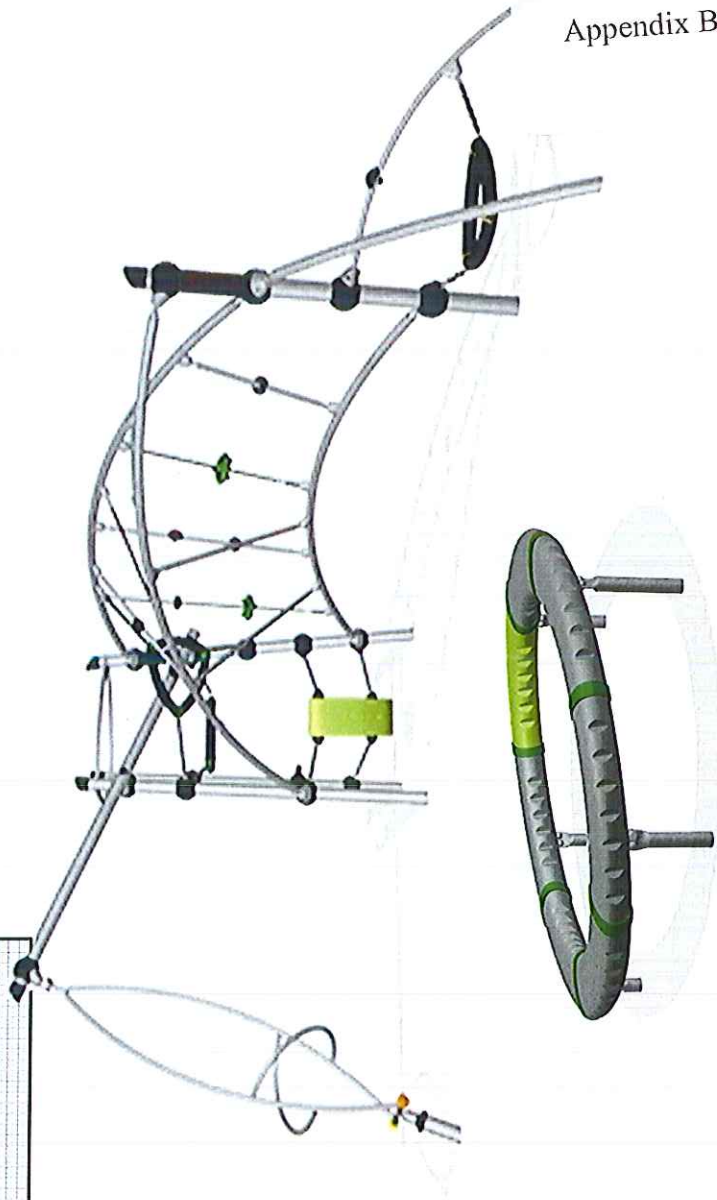
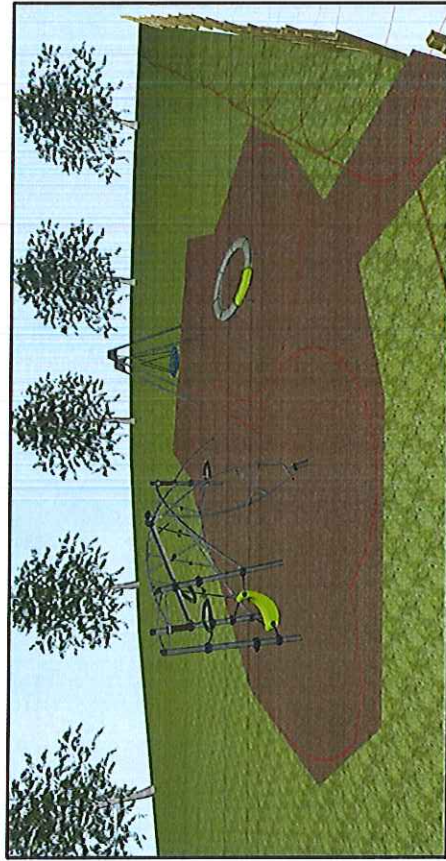
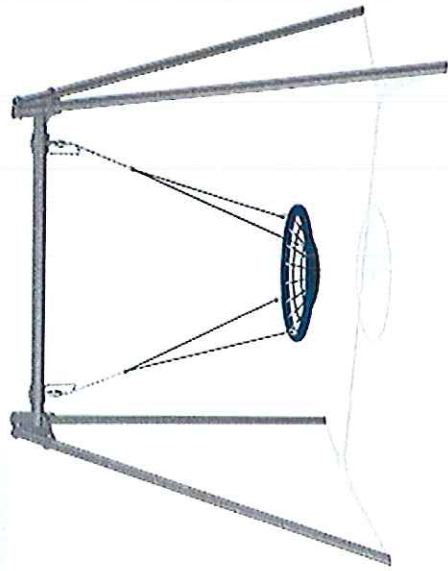
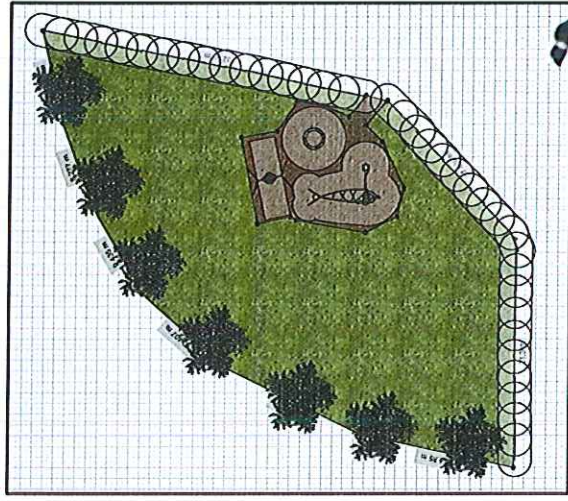
The weed killing in the adventure playground continues.

The hedges have been cut with the exception of the rosa rugosa which will be cut back this month.

The crossbeam on the monkey bars is loose and all three posts are rotten. They will be removed. It is hoped that plans for the redevelopment of the play area will be available for the next meeting.

There is notable evidence of chain wear on the swings. Chains to be replaced.

Missing bolts from the roundabout in the small play area and the climbing frame will be replaced.



Appendix B

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

To: Recreation & Leisure Committee

Date: 11 September 2018

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

**REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND – ROUNDHOUSE
(Min 23 – 05.06.18)**

Members will recall that at the June 2018 meeting Sgt Travers of the Neighbourhood Policing Team had requested that the Roundhouse be demolished as it was being used by young people to take illegal drugs and was in his opinion a focus for criminality and anti-social behaviour. The request was refused.

The Police And Communities Together (PACT) Panel has now asked if the Committee would consider installing lighting in the shelter as a deterrent to young people committing the acts mentioned above.

The Police have been unable to offer any advice on a suitable type of lighting other than a solar powered dusk til dawn light, with the panel mounted high on the roof of the shelter and with a suitably robust LED lamp inside.

An electrician has been asked to suggest possible options but feels that solar powered lights which can be bought 'off-the-shelf' would not be suitable. He feels that they are unreliable and inefficient as well as not being vandal proof.

To make and install a solar installation with a battery storage facility to generate enough power to provide lighting for at least five hours per evening would cost in the region of £1,200-£1,500.

His preferred option would be to wire the lights from a lamp column with the cable running underground powering suitable spot lights.

Members should be mindful that no installation will be totally vandal proof and I am concerned that if approved this lighting will need constant repair because of vandalism.

A separate request has been received from the Police asking if the Committee would agree to the felling of the lime tree which obscures the view of the CCTV camera looking into the shelter. However, this tree is protected by a tree preservation order and the Tree Officer who has been contacted would not agree to its removal for this purpose.

The Committee's decision on the lighting issue is requested.

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

To: Recreation & Leisure Committee

Date: 11 September 2018

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

BLIND LANE ENTRANCE BED – PLANTING SCHEME

Members will recall that when the work was completed at the Blind Lane entrance and a bed was created, the Committee asked Wimborne in Bloom to suggest a planting scheme.

This has now been received and is shown on the reverse of this report.

As Members will see three options are suggested:

a bed containing grasses for texture or shrubs for scent or shrubs for colour and mass planting.

The maximum cost is estimated to be less than £150 which can be met from the planting fund.

Dog Warden Patrol Report

Month: JUNE 2018

Parish: WIMBORNE

Total Hours: 8

Date	Time Started	Time Finished	Comments
4/6/2018	14.00	15.00	Patrolled Leigh Park. Very hot day 3 MOP seen with dogs, two were seen to pick up.
7/6/2018	13.15	14.15	Patrolled Redcotts, 2 MOP seen with dogs, of which one was seen to pick up. One DFD seen on the field, none on the paths.
14/6/2018	14.30	15.30	Patrolled Leigh Park. 2 MOP seen with dogs, both picked up.
18/6/2018	12.30	14.00	Patrolled Redcotts, 3 MOP seen with dogs, of which one was seen to pick up, no DFD seen on the paths or on the field.
19/6/2018	15.00	16.00	Patrolled Leigh Park, One MOP seen walk across field with dog on lead, 2 DFD observed.
26/6/2018	11.30	12.30	Patrolled Redcotts, 5 MOP seen with dogs, of which 3 were seen to pick up .One DFD seen on path and two on the pitch.
28/6/2018	10.30	12.00	Patrolled Leigh park. No dog walkers seen.

Dog Warden Patrol Report

Month: JULY 2018

Parish: WIMBORNE

Total Hours: 8

Date	Time Started	Time Finished	Comments
2/7/2018	12.45	13.45	Patrolled Redcotts, One MOP seen with a dog and picked up, no DFD seen on the paths of field.
5/7/2018	12.30	13.30	Patrolled Leigh Park. 3 MOP seen with dogs, of which two were seen to pick up. Gave some complimentary dog bags to elderly couple, who were seen to pick up after both their dogs.
10/7/2018	7.45	8.45	Patrolled the Rec. 4 MOP seen with dogs, of which, two were seen to pick up. Had a word with one dog owner who was on the phone and not watching where his dog was, it was out of sight.
16/7/2018	15.00	16.00	Patrolled leigh Park. Two MOP seen with 3 dogs, of which one was seen to pick up, one DFD observed.
20/7/2018	11.00	12.00	Patrolled the Rec. 3 MOP seen with dogs, no DFD observed on the paths or the playing field.
24/7/2018	10.15	11.15	Patrolled Leigh Park. One dog walker seen with dog on lead.
27/7/2018	16.30	17.30	Patrolled Redcotts, 6 MOP seen with dogs, of which three were seen to pick up. One DFD seen on the path and two on the field.

Dog Warden Patrol Report

Month: AUGUST 2018

Parish: WIMBORNE

Total Hours: 8

Date	Time Started	Time Finished	Comments
2/8/2018	10.00	11.00	Patrolled the Rec. Only one MOP seen with a dog on lead and picked up., no DFD seen on paths or on the field.
7/8/2018	10.15	11.15	Patrolled LEIGH PARK. 2 MOP seen with dogs and both were seen to pick up.
9/8/2018	9.30	10.30	Patrolled the Rec, 8 MOP seen with dogs, of which 4 were seen to pick up, 2 DFD seen on the field.
14/8/2018	15.00	16.00	Patrolled Leigh Park, One MOP seen with a dog on lead and picked up.
20/8/2018	12.00	13.00	Patrolled leigh Park, One MOP seen with a dog, 2 DFD observed on side of field, replaced NO DOGS ALLOWED sign in play area near building that had been removed.
22/8/2018	10.20	11.30	Patrolled the Rec and paths, 4 MOP seen with dogs, of which 2 were seen to pick up, no DFD observed.
28/8/2018	13.45	15.00	Patrolled Leigh Park, 4 MOP seen with dogs, of which 2 were seen to pick up.
30/08/2018	13.00	14.00	Patrolled the Rec. 3 MOP see with dogs, all were seen to pick up, no DFD seen on the paths.