

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2018** at 6.30 pm in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBER ALSO PRESENT

Cllr Ms C Butter  
Cllr Mrs C Chedgy  
Cllr W Richmond

OFFICER PRESENT

Mrs S Fuller – Administration Officer

121 RECREATION GROUNDS INSPECTION REPORT

The Recreation Grounds Inspection Report had previously been circulated to each Member and a copy appears as **Appendix A** to these Minutes.

Cllr Mrs March commented that it had taken a long time for the griselinia plant to be replaced.

The Chairman gave an update on the new Leigh Park Play Area. The new equipment had been installed and it was anticipated, subject to weather conditions, that it would be completed by 4 December 2018. The play park would need to have a post-installation inspection by a suitably certified play inspection company prior to being reopened to the public.

Cllr Burden mentioned that an additional storage unit for the Food Bank at the Community Centre was being installed. He further reported that

there were again on-going problems with parking by the Rugby club in the Community Centre car parking spaces and a coach once again being

parked in the car park. Cllr Bartlett responded that the rugby club had been spoken to about this issue but that he would take this matter up with them again.

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**LEIGH PARK PLAYING FIELD – REQUEST FROM ALLENDALE FOOTBALL CLUB**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 27 October 2018 from Eric Case requesting that Allendale FC be considered as successors to the Rugby Club as tenants of Leigh Park, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cllr Bartlett reported that there were ongoing discussions between the District Council and Allendale FC and that the District Council was unaware that the football club had approached the Town Council directly.

The Administration Officer reported that Allendale FC's interest had been noted but no further commitment had been made. Cllr Bartlett stated that the issues and impact on residents would need to be considered before this matter was taken further.

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**FLOWERS ON BENCHES**

Cllr Mrs Roberts reported that some of the benches at Redcotts Recreation Ground often had flowers placed on them, as a memorial gesture, thereby making it difficult for members of the public to use the benches. Whilst she accepted that this was a sensitive issue she wondered whether the people leaving the flowers could be encouraged to contribute to a plant, perhaps in the sensory garden, as a more permanent feature.

The Administration Officer added that the benches in question had been provided by the families of former players of the Allendale Football Club.

**RESOLVED** that the Administration Officer contact the Football Club in the first instance to ascertain if this would be an acceptable way forward.

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**KEEP BRITAIN TIDY – DOG FOULING CAMPAIGN**

The Administration Officer submitted an information leaflet on a Keep Britain Tidy campaign to reduce dog fouling at night, a copy of which had previously been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Administration Officer added that she had contacted the Dog Warden who did not support this campaign.

There followed a discussion on other options. Cllr Mrs Webb suggested that the Town Council could purchase and sell some ‘glow in the dark’ dog collars. Cllr Wheeler stated that the extra money would be better directed to increased dog patrols at night.

**RESOLVED that no action be taken to participate in this campaign.**

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**DOG WARDEN PATROL REPORTS**

The Clerk to the Committee submitted for information the Dog Warden Patrol Reports for September and October 2018, copies of which had been circulated to each Member and copies of which appear as **Appendix D** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

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**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting.**

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**LEIGH PARK PLAYING FIELD – LIME TREE POLLARDING**

See Confidential Minute 127/385.

The meeting closed at 6.53 pm.

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

**WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**To: Recreation & Leisure Committee**

**Date: 6 November 2018**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**  
**RECREATION GROUNDS INSPECTION REPORT**

**REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND**

Autumn hedge cutting has been completed.

Repairs to the screed floor in the roundhouse to be investigated, as well as the timber beams that run from floor to ceiling to prevent them from deteriorating further at ground level.

The grass continues to grow and will be cut as required.

The soakaway near the bowls club had been repaired and reseeded but has once again been dug up by an animal. The groundsman will investigate putting a mesh over it which the grass can grow through to prevent further damage.

Replacement griselinia plants for around the pavilion have been ordered.

The roller door on the garage needs to be repaired or replaced. It can be secured but is extremely difficult to open/shut.

Brambles growing through the hedge on Victoria Road will be removed.

The window at the back of the disabled toilets has been broken and has been boarded up. Vandalism continues to be a problem with graffiti once again appearing on the ceiling of the toilets and the locks being broken.

**LEIGH PARK PLAYING FIELD**

Litter picking is being carried out daily.

Work to refurbish the Play Park will commence on 15 November 2018. It is anticipated that the park will be out of action for 2-3 weeks. Appropriate signage will be displayed.

Grass cutting continues.

The hedge to the righthand side of the rugby pitches will be reduced in height to make it more manageable in future.

There are suckers on the lime trees which will be removed.



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CHARTER STANDARD  
CLUB

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Wimborne Minster Town Council,  
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Wimborne Minster,  
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27<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Dear Laurence,

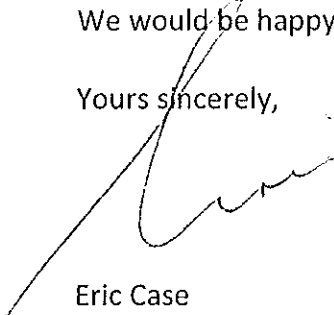
#### Leigh Park

We have been involved in discussions with Christchurch & East Dorset District Council and Wimborne Rugby Club regarding the provision of new sports pitches on land to the south of Leigh Road. The development includes some provision for football which is of interest to us but clearly this initiative provides for the re-location of Wimborne Rugby Club. Whilst we understand that new facilities will not be available for 2 or 3 years we would like to be considered as successors to Wimborne Rugby Club as tenants of Leigh Park.

Following the recent discussions our Committee has decided to prepare a strategy for future development of the club and Leigh Park would be a perfect centre for this. Should the facilities at Leigh Park be available it would be our intention to make provision for football for all ages and both genders and not solely two adult pitches.

We would be happy to discuss our ideas and proposals with yourselves at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

  
Eric Case  
Honorary Chairman



## **FIGHT BACK**

Against Dog Fouling

### **Proven to reduce dog fouling by up to 77%.**

Our research has found that the darker nights bring dark dog owner behaviour, with increased incidents of dog fouling.

Under the cover of darkness, dog owners are less likely to pick up their dog mess. Leading to increases in public complaints about the issue.

But fret not our award-winning campaign solution; '**We're watching you**' has been proven to reduce dog fouling by up to 77%. Using glow-in-the-dark technology and behaviour change theory to nudge dog owners into picking up their mess.



## **Exclusive offer now available!**

We're pleased to be able to offer this award-winning solution at an **exclusive reduced rate** for parish councils and community groups only. This package starts from just **£250**, versus the usual price of £1,800.

This exclusive package includes the campaign guidance pack, A3 glow-in the dark correx signs at £25 per sign plus vat (minimum order x 10). You can also purchase A4 bin stickers at £5 each plus vat when you purchase the signs.

Find out more by contacting us on; **01942 612 655**

or email us at; **KBT.Network.Enquiries@keepbritaintidy.org**

See the campaign in action on BBC1's '**Don't Mess with Me**';

## Dog Warden Patrol Report

**Month:**               **SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Parish:**               **WIMBORNE**

**Total Hours:**     **8**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time Started</b>	<b>Time Finished</b>	<b>Comments</b>
3/9/2018	11.30	12.30	Patrolled Leigh Park. 2 MOP seen, one seen to pick up.
6/9/2018	12.00	13.00	Patrolled the Rec. One MOP seen with a dog on lead and picked up, no DFD seen on the paths or on the field.
11/9/2019	13.45	14.45	Patrolled Leigh Park, one MOP seen with two dogs.
14/9/2019	13.00	14.00	Patrolled the Rec. 2 MOP seen with dogs, both were seen to pick up.
17/9/2019	15.00	16.00	Patrolled the Rec. 7 MOP seen with dogs, collecting children after school, no DFD seen on the paths or playing fields.
20/9/2019	12.30	13.30	Patrolled leigh Park, 3 MOP seen with dogs, of which one was seen to pick up.
24/9/2019	13.00	14.00	Patrolled the Rec. 2 MOP seen with dogs, both were seen to pick up., 3 DFD observed on the field.
25/9/2019	15.30	16.30	Patrolled Leigh Park, one MOP seen with a dog.



## Dog Warden Patrol Report

Month: OCTOBER 2018

Parish: WIMBORNE

Total Hours: 4

Date	Time Started	Time Finished	Comments
25/10/2018	14.30	15.30	Patrolled leigh Park. 3 MOP seen with dogs, of which one was seen to pick up.
26/10/2018	11.00	12.00	Patrolled Redcotts. 3 MOP seen with dogs, one DFD observed.
30/10/2018	13.30	14.30	Patrolled leigh Park. 4 MOP seen with dogs, of which two were seen to pick up. The one had two dogs and picked up after them both, I thanked them for picking up and gave some complimentary dog bags.
31/10/2018	11.15	12.15	Patrolled Redcotts, 2 MOP seen with dogs, of which one was seen to pick up, no DFD observed on paths or fields