

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2019 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 Mrs S A Cook
Cllr Mrs D J March
Cllr Mrs A E Roberts
Cllr T F Wheeler

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Cllr J Burden
Cllr Mrs P A Hymers
Cllr Mrs K F Webb – Ex-Officio – Chairman of the Council
Cllr S K Bartlett – Ex-Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council

MEMBER ALSO PRESENT

Cllr Mrs C A Chedgy

OFFICER PRESENT

Administration Officer

189 **RECREATION GROUNDS INSPECTION REPORT**

The Chairman submitted the Recreation Grounds Inspection Report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cllr Mrs March reported that there was a gouge in the tarmac on the footpath near Redcotts Lane. The Administration Officer would investigate. She also requested that the spurge by the pavilion be removed.

Cllr Mrs Roberts reported that the daffodils in the verge running parallel with the Recreation Ground hedge on Victoria Road were mainly blind and needed replacing, preferably with a smaller variety such as Tete-a-tete.

190 **MAPLE TREES – REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND**

The Administration Officer submitted a report, 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. In the report the Administration Officer advised that a complaint had been received concerning the maple trees along the path which runs

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parallel with Redcotts Road. The complaint concerned the amount of leaves shed from these trees in the autumn and questioned why the trees were not routinely pollarded.

Advice had been sought from a local tree surgeon who recommended that the regrowth from the pollarding carried out some years ago could be thinned back and other branches removed.

RESOLVED that the Administration Officer obtain quotes for this work to be carried out.

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DOG WARDEN PATROL SERVICE

The Administration Officer submitted a copy of an email dated 6 February 2019 from East Dorset District Council’s Community Protection Officer, 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 Community Protection Officer had enquired whether the Town Council wished to continue with a Dog Warden Patrol Service post 1 April 2019. The Committee felt that although not many fixed penalty notices were issued that it did act as a deterrent.

RESOLVED that the Community Protection Officer be notified that the Town Council wishes to continue with its current arrangement of 100 hours of Dog Warden Patrols for 2019/20 at the increased rate of £19 per hour and the additional cost be met from savings in next year’s budget.

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DOG WARDEN PATROL REPORTS

The Administration Officer submitted for information the Dog Warden Patrol Reports for November and December 2018 and January 2019, 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 TODDLER PLAY AREA – SAFETY SURFACING

See Confidential Minute 194/391.

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

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

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

To: Recreation & Leisure Committee

Date: 28 February 2019

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
RECREATION GROUNDS INSPECTION REPORT

REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND

The bench seat around the cedar tree will be spring cleaned, including painting if necessary.

The seats in the Roundhouse will be repainted.

Spring renovation of the bowling green will be carried out next month.

The area of grass near the Pavilion that had been dug up by a dog will be reseeded.

Grass cutting will commence shortly.

The seeding of the wild flower beds will be carried out in the next month.

Some of the lower branches of the trees on the Culverhayes boundary have been removed to prevent damage when the tractor is being used.

The edge of the verge on Victoria Road will be trimmed, avoiding the daffodils.

LEIGH PARK PLAYING FIELD

The play area has been finished and is now open. Security fencing will remain in place until the seeded area is established.

The hedge on the west side of the rugby pitch has been reduced to a more manageable height.

Grass cutting around the edge of the pitches will commence shortly.

Weed killing around the community centre will be carried out.

RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE

Date: 28 February 2019

Reference: Maple Trees – Redcotts Recreation Ground

Author: Administration Officer

1.0 Introduction

A complaint was received via Cllr Mrs Chedgy about the maples along the path which runs parallel with Redcotts Road. The text of the complaint is attached as **Appendix 1**.

2.0 History

Attached as **Appendix 2** is a copy of the Town Clerk's report to the Committee on 9 January 2001 together with the accompanying Minute. As will be seen it appears that there were always maples planted along this section of path.

2.0 Suggested Remedy

Martin Noscoe, who pollarded the lime trees at Leigh Park was asked for his advice and this is contained in a letter dated 25 February 2019 and attached as **Appendix 3**.

The Committee is asked whether it wishes to take Mr Noscoe's advice and arrange for him to provide a quotation for pruning the maples in late summer.

To: "Carole Chedgy" ,
"Carole Chedgy"
Subject: Trees in Redcotts Park

Hi Carole

Further to our chat the other day, I wanted to mention that the trees on the Redcotts Road side of the park have grown rather a lot over the last few years. I am curious as to why sycamore trees were planted on that side when the other three sides of the "quad" are all limes?

I note that every other year the lime trees are coppiced but nothing is ever done with the sycamores on this side. I understand that sycamores can be coppiced as well although I expect this is something that should be done late spring.

When we moved into Redcotts Road some 25 odd years ago there were only a few saplings planted and it wasn't clear what type of trees they were. As they have grown the amount of leaves they shed in the autumn has also grown. We don't get a road sweeper down the road anymore to clear these up and I note there are still a lot of wet leaves on the park side of the road and I am sure there is a drain on that side of the road but I cannot see it as it is covered in leaves! I have cleared up so many this year from that side of the road which is annoying when they are not my trees. Also, we have put the wet leaves in our garden waste collection (2 bin fulls so far) which I begrudge doing as I have to pay for it. In addition, the number of seed pods that have come down this year has been incredible and I am wondering how many small sycamore saplings I will be pulling up in the spring? I have just had my gutters cleaned out and it was full of sycamore seed pods - another expense for me!

I am also concerned as to how big the roots of these trees will get and whether they will have an impact on the pathway as the roots under the path from the toilets to the scout hut have done.

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TO: Recreation & Leisure Committee

ON: Tuesday 9th January 2001

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND
MAPLE TREE REPLACEMENT
(Item 5)

Members will recall that it has been an aim to replace over time the diseased Maple trees running along the path parallel with Redcotts Road.

Five trees have already been replaced in stages over the last four years and there are four remaining.

Cllr. Holt has inspected the trees with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and they are of the view that, if the District Council's Tree Officer agrees, the remaining four should be replaced this year.

The Town Council has ensured that the replacement trees in this row are larger and more mature specimens in order to deter vandalism and this has so far proved the correct course of action.

To replace the four remaining trees (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) will cost as follows:

4 x 18-20cm trees @ £109 each	£436
To remove four tree stumps	<u>£130</u>
	<u>£566</u>

There is £935 in the Planting Fund.

The Committee's decision is requested.

203 REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND - PROPOSED NEW
TENNIS CLUB (Min. 168 - 14.11.00.)

The Town Clerk reported that the District Council had considered the terms upon which it was prepared to offer the tennis professional for the concession of using the hard courts and part of the pavilion.

The final decision would be made after the District Council's Policy & Resources Committee on 10th January 2001. It was expected that the District Council would require tenders to be invited from other tennis professionals which would delay the implementation of the project.

204 REDCOTTS RECREATION GROUND - MAPLE TREE
REPLACEMENT (Min. 271 - 04.04.00.)

The Town Clerk submitted a report a copy of which was circulated at the meeting and a copy of which appears as Appendix C to these Minutes.

The Committee was asked to consider replacing four remaining diseased Maples with new trees. Cllr. Mrs. March offered to investigate whether a supplier known to her could provide the same trees cheaper than quoted by the Council's contractor.

RESOLVED

- a) that, subject to the agreement of the District Council's Tree Officer, approval be given to the replacement of the trees as outlined in the report and the cost be met from the Planting Fund;
- b) that the offer of Cllr. Mrs. March be accepted and if she can arrange for the supply of the replacement trees cheaper than that quoted this offer be proceeded with.

The meeting closed at 7.43 pm

SignedDate
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council

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Appendix 3

25 FEB 2019

MARTIN NOSCOE

Tree Surgeon

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25th February 2019

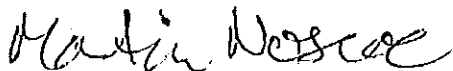
REPORT – Maple trees at Redcotts Recreation ground

There are nine Maple trees along the north west boundary of the recreation ground with Redcotts Road.

These trees have been pollarded some years ago and the regrowth is 4 – 5 metres long and very dense.

I would suggest these regrowths should be thinned by 20% back to the previous pruning cuts. Some of the branches are twisting round each other and these should also be removed.

If you would like to do the work, it is not a good time of year now because Maples will bleed when the sap is rising. Later in the summer would be a good time.



**Martin Noscoe
Tree Surgeons**

From: Steve Ricketts
Sent: 06 February 2019 13:29
Subject: RE: Dog Patrol Contract

Dear all,

An agreement has been reached between the new Councils to allow Grant to continue with the patrols under a new contract as from 1st April 2019.

At this stage, could I ask you to confirm how many hours your Council would like Grant to spend on your land, per week, over a 12 month contract. The hourly rate will be £19 per hour.

As soon as you have responded, I will make arrangements for the new contracts to be drawn up and will be in touch to finalise.

Speak soon.

Steve Ricketts

**Team Leader (Community Protection)
Christchurch and East Dorset Councils**

Dog Warden Patrol Report

Month: NOVEMBER 2018

Parish: WIMBORNE

Total Hours: 8

Date	Time Started	Time Finished	Comments
1/11/2018	13.00	14.00	Patrolled leigh Park. 3 MOP seen with dogs.
6/11/2018	11.45	12.45	Patrolled the Rec. 6 MOP seen with dogs, of which 3 were seen to pick up. one DFD observed on the field, none seen on the paths.
7/11/2018	12.00	13.00	Patrolled leigh Park. 2 MOP seen with dogs.
12/11/2018	12.30	13.30	Patrolled the Rec. 4 MOP seen with dogs.
15/11/2018	10.45	11.45	Patrolled Leigh Park. 2 MOP seen with dogs on lead, one was seen to pick up.
26/11/2018	12.00	13.00	Patrolled Redcotts. 6 MOP seen with dogs, of which 2 were seen to pick up. No DFD seen on the paths, 2 seen on the field.
28/11/2018	13.45	14.45	Patrolled leigh Park. Pouring with rain, no Dog Walkers seen
29/11/2018	12.15	13.15	Patrolled the Rec. 3 MOP seen with dogs, of which two were seen to pick up. No DFD seen on the paths.

Dog Warden Patrol Report

Month: December 2018

Parish: WIMBORNE

Total Hours: 8

Date	Time Started	Time Finished	Comments
3/12/2018	15.45	16.45	Patrolled Leigh Park. Two MOP seen with dogs.
10/12/2018	14.30	15.30	Patrolled Leigh Park. 5 MOP seen with dogs, of which two were seen to pick up
12/12/2018	13.45	14.45	Patrolled Redcotts. 4 MOP seen with dogs, of which two were seen to pick up. No DFD seen on the paths, two DFD observed on the field.
18/12/2018	10.30	11.30	Patrolled the Rec. 3 MOP seen with dogs, of which two were seen to pick up. No DFD seen on the paths.
21/12/2018	14.45	15.45	Patrolled Leigh Park. One MOP seen and picked up.
27/12/2018	13.00	14.30	Patrolled Redcotts, 6 MOP seen with dogs, of which 3 were seen to pick up.

Dog Warden Patrol Report

Month: JANUARY 2019

Parish: WIMBORNE

Total Hours: 8

Date	Time Started	Time Finished	Comments
2/1/2019	14.15	15.15	Patrolled Leigh Park. One MOP seen with a dog and picked up.
7/1/2019	11.15	12.15	Patrolled the Rec. 9 MOP seen with dogs, of which 3 were seen to pick up. One DFD seen on the field, none on the paths.
9/1/2019	12.00	13.00	Patrolled Leigh Park. One MOP seen with a dog, walk across the field.
11/1/2019	12.30	13.30	Patrolled the Rec. 2 MOP seen with dogs, no DFD observed on the paths, one seen on the field.
22/1/2019	10.45	11.45	Patrolled Leigh Park, One MOP seen with a dog and picked up
24/1/2019	13.30	14.30	Patrolled Redcotts, 4 MOP seen with dogs, of which two were seen to pick up, one DFD observed on the paths and two on the field.
28/1/2019	11.45	12.45	Patrolled Leigh Park. 2 MOP seen with dogs on lead on the field, one seen to pick up.
31/1/2019	15.30	16.30	Patrolled the Rec. 5 MOP seen with dogs, of which 2 were seen to pick up, no DFD seen on the paths, one seen on the grass near Sun Dial