



Wimborne Minster Town Council
Town Hall, 37 West Borough, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 1LT

All Members of the **RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE** are summoned to a meeting on **TUESDAY, 24 MAY 2022** to be held immediately following an Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council on the same evening at **7.00 pm** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER**, Town Hall, West Borough, Wimborne Minster.

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Acting Town Clerk
18 May 2022

All members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

This meeting will be held in accordance with the restrictions and public advice in place at the time. If you test positive or have any Covid symptoms, please do NOT attend.

Please be aware that filming, photographing, and recording may occur during the meeting. A designated area will be set aside for members of the public not actively participating in the meeting where there will be no filming or photographs taken.

AGENDA

1. Public Session

Please note: Members of the public are invited to ask questions of the Council at the Chairman's discretion. A period up to a maximum of fifteen minutes will be allowed for public comments and questions restricted to items listed on the following agenda. No written communications or representations connected with items on the agenda shall be circulated to councillors unless they have been received by the Town Clerk and circulated at least two days in advance of the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

3. Declarations of Interest

To declare any interests relating to the business of the meeting and receive any dispensation requests from the Town Clerk.

4. Recreation Grounds Inspection

To receive a report from the Chairman (copy herewith).

5. Vandalism at Redcotts Recreation Ground

To receive a verbal report from the Committee & Administration Officer.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE:

Cllr S K Bartlett (Chairman)

Cllr A E Roberts (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr D Burt

Cllr C A Chedgy

Cllr L Hinks

Cllr W Richmond

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Chairman of the Council – Ex-Officio

Vice-Chairman of the Council – Ex-Officio

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 CONSIDERATIONS

Members are reminded that the Council has a duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (age, disability, gender reassignment, marital status, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety, Human Rights and Data Protection (General Data Protection Regulation).

RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE

Date: 24 May 2022

Reference: Item 4: Recreation Grounds Inspection

Author: Cllr Shane Bartlett, Chairman

The Redcotts Recreation Ground inspection was conducted by Cllrs Roberts and March and they have highlighted various things as listed below. Later in the evening Cllrs Bartlett and Roberts conducted an inspection of Leigh Park Playing Fields and their findings can be seen in the report below.

It is acknowledged that the Ground Staff have over a recent period been engaged in additional work concerning the upkeep of the Cemetery. This has been necessary in order to keep on top of the maintenance of the cemetery, but it has come during a time of vigorous vegetation growth due to the weather conditions that are prevalent at the moment. This has had a negative impact on our recreation grounds which is understandable, it would nevertheless be welcomed to have an idea of when the vacant post at the cemetery is filled and our ground staff can return to a more normal working regime. Their efforts during this difficult period are appreciated.

Cllrs Bartlett and Roberts inspected the new skateboard facility at Parmiter and engaged with two young people who use the facility regularly. They informed the Chairman and Vice Chairman that the graffiti recently reported had been removed by the perpetrators at the insistence of the regular users of the facility. It would appear with support that we may be able to encourage and support the correct model we would like to see on this asset with the children taking ownership of it and taking care of it.

With regards to bonfires in the vicinity the young people spoken to will get the message out that taking branches from trees is not acceptable and will encourage that practice to stop. Sadly, a mature tree on the site has been ring barked and again the message was relayed that this must not happen. It felt like a very positive engagement on which we hope to build.

The allotments at Parmiter are looking to be in full flourish now and many are very advanced in layout and design and planted out. There is apparently a very good and healthy community spirit developing with the allotment holders. Rabbits continue to be an issue and there were reports made of children gaining access to the site but no complaints of any anti-social behaviour or vandalism which was pleasing to hear.

It was observed at Leigh Park that the community centre building is currently undergoing installation of solar roof panels. The roof panels were stacked on end and easily accessible through the gate, the security fencing was not adequate to provide a secure area for overnight storage which came as a surprise and the ladder

to the roof was also easily accessible which gives concern for health and safety issues.

Redcotts Recreation Ground

- 1) Railings and gates at Victoria Road entrance need painting.
- 2) The Roundhouse floor needs repairing.
- 3) Concern over wildflower beds not reaching their potential and differing method used by Dorset Council, including the lack of weed killer being used to prepare the beds.
- 4) Convolvulus, Sycamore and Bobby Buttons are invading the hedges.
- 5) The wall planting bed area at Cemetery Road end needs to be planted out.
- 6) The play area is suffering with weed growth appearing through the matting and ferns growing in the vicinity of the play tunnel.

Leigh Park

- 1) A metal post at the road entrance has been hit by a vehicle causing it to bend and needs straightening.
- 2) The wood chipping in the play area needs to be raked back into position below the play equipment and swings.
- 3) Table tennis table is not level and is in need of painting and refreshing.
- 4) There was a lot of rubbish in the play area and on the playing fields so a litter pick up should be prioritised.
- 5) The nets protecting the small children's play area needs repairing as rugby balls being kicked could find their way into the play area.
- 6) The anti-climbing fencing needs attention and securing at the small children's play area.
- 7) Metal posts in the small children's play area need to be removed, it is a mystery where they have come from.