

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of an **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held on **TUESDAY 24 MAY 2022 at 7.00 pm** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, West Borough, Wimborne Minster.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr C L Butter –Town Mayor & Chairman of the Council
Cllr D J March – Deputy Mayor & Vice-Chairman of the Council
Cllr S K Bartlett
Cllr D Burt
Cllr C A Chedgy
Cllr L C Hinks
Cllr M J Hopkins
Cllr W J Richmond

IN ATTENDANCE

Acting Town Clerk
Committee & Administration Officer

12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A E Roberts
Cllr F Shirley
Cllr K F Webb
Cllr S Wheeler

14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

15 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED that Standing Order 30 concerning standing to speak be suspended for the duration of the meeting.

16 LEIGH PARK PLAYING FIELD – QE II FIELD IN TRUST

The Acting Town Clerk submitted a 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.

RESOLVED that a variation of the existing Deed of Dedication to include as a Field in Trust, the area of Leigh Park Playing Field cross hatched in red on the attached plan.

17 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 from the remainder of the meeting.

18 FUTURE STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS

The Chairman submitted a confidential 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.

RESOLVED that an offer of employment for the position of Town Clerk be made to the candidate identified in the report subject to the satisfactory completion of a six month probationary period and the necessary legal and reference checks being carried out.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

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

Subject: Item 4 – Leigh Park Playing Field - Q.E. II Field in Trust
Author: Acting Town Clerk
Date: 24 May 2022

In 2012, as part of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge (H.M.'s Diamond Jubilee Year), the Town Council agreed to dedicate two thirds of the grassed area of Leigh Park Playing Field (LPPF) as a Field in Trust (FIT).

The effect of this was a binding legal obligation on the Town Council to protect LPPF from development of any kind without the permission of the Fields in Trust organisation.

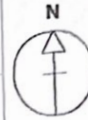
The Town Council has, in the past, expressed a desire to dedicate the whole of the grassed area of LPPF a FIT.

The Fields in Trust organisation has been contacted and supports the proposed extension but, as before, suggest that the Rugby Club Pavilion and Leigh Park Community Centre should be excluded from the Deed of Dedication. Their inclusion would complicate and extend the process. The area suggested for exclusion from the Deed is shown edged in blue on the plan attached (see Appendix 1).

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council approves a variation of the existing Deed of Dedication to include as a Field in Trust, the area of Leigh Park Playing Field crosshatched in red on the attached plan.

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TITLE NUMBER
DT301207



DORSET : EAST DORSET

ORDNANCE SURVEY MAP REFERENCE:

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