

Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure Committee held in The Sportsman Meeting Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield AL10 0AN on Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillor M. Clark - Chairman
Councillor S. Atkinson – Vice Chairman
Councillor L. Clark
Councillor H. Hall
Councillor S. Laver-Walton

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: Councillor G. Wiltshire
Councillor C. Juggins

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor H. Morgan

OFFICERS: C. A. Lloyd (Town Clerk)
P. Widdicombe (Deputy Town Clerk)
M. Speddy (Leisure Services Manager)

65. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D. Kay and Councillor M. Alder.

66. SKATE PARK

Matt Rayner, Youth and Sport Partnership Manager, updated Members on plans for a skate park in Hatfield and answered questions on choice of location (Roe Hill) and design through consultation with the young people.

67. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

68. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

69. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

70. STRATEGIC PLAN

Members considered the draft plan for Lemsford hall, Howe Dell Hall and Parks and Open Spaces.

Members requested that the Clerk include reduction of rabbit numbers at Lemsford and the costing up of planting of a new hedge along field boundary at Lemsford.

RESOLVED that the draft Strategic Plan for Lemsford Hall, Howe Dell Hall and Parks and Open Spaces be brought forward for approval in March 2011 subject to the actions detailed above.

(Action: Clerk)

71. FENCING AT LEMS福德

Members noted the various options and requested that the Clerk obtain quotes for a new kerb to be installed for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

(Action: Clerk)

72. ROUNDABOUT - BIRCHWOOD

Members noted costs of additional repairs and RESOLVED that the Clerk ask Wicksteed for an explanation as to why their product had very little wear and tear before requiring repair and, subject to their response, the Clerk be authorised, following consultation with and agreement by the Chairman, to authorise the repair for £614.81 plus £288.80 wetpour repair.

(Action: Clerk)

73. HEDGE TRIMMER

Members noted quote to adapt the hedge trimmer for use with the new tractor and RESOLVED that Councillor Wiltshire be requested to look at the equipment and provide his comments to the Clerk so that she may make a decision on the proposed alteration.

(Action: Cllr Wiltshire / Clerk)

74. REQUEST BY AMBULANCE SERVICE

Members noted the request by the ambulance service to provide postcode, landline or co-ordinates at all sports grounds to aid 999 emergency call-outs.

RESOLVED that the Clerk obtain quotations to provide transfers for existing sites or new notices where necessary and report back to the next meeting of the Committee.

(Action: Clerk)

75. BUDGET 2011/12

Members noted the draft budget and thanked the Responsible Finance office for his hard work.

RESOLVED that the Leisure budget be recommended to the Resources & Policy Committee.

(Action: Responsible Finance Officer)

76. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business;

- (i) Bar and Café Trading Accounts

77. BAR AND CAFÉ TRADING ACCOUNTS

Members noted the Bar and Café Trading Accounts and that a more detailed report with recommendations would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

(Action: Responsible Finance Officer)

Closure: 20:43

Chairman