

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure Committee held in the Council Offices, Kennelwood House, Town Centre, Hatfield, on Wednesday 22 November 2006 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR P. O'BRIEN (CHAIRMAN)
COUNCILLORS: M. CLARK, C. CROFT, MRS H LAMING

ALSO PRESENT: COUNCILLOR MRS. M. WHITE

OFFICERS PRESENT: P.C. CLARK (TOWN CLERK)
P. WIDDICOMBE (DEPUTY TOWN CLERK)
M. SPEDDY (LEISURE SERVICES MANAGER)

47. QUORUM

As the quorum for the Committee is 5 Councillors any recommendations in these Minutes are those of the members present and not of the fully constituted Committee.

48. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Morgan, Smith and Wiltshire.

49. MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th October 2006 was deferred.

50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

51. FESTIVAL SUB-COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 16 October 2006 and 13 November 2006 were received.

52. USER GROUP MEETING

The notes of the User Group meeting held on 26 October were received. The Chairman commented that it was a good meeting with praise as well as complaints. Officers were asked to look at the possibility and costs of separating the air-conditioning in the Sportsman and Beeches Health Suite at Birchwood and at the heating controls at Lemsford. Concern was expressed about the methods used to cut the cricket outfield and the condition of the changing room doors at Roe Hill.

RECOMMENDED

That no action be taken regarding the carpet in the Sportsman, marking goals on the sports hall wall, increasing the size of Beeches Health Suite or providing air conditioning in the sports hall.

53. ALLOTMENT HOLDERS MEETING

The notes of the Allotment Holders Meeting held on the 15 November 2006 were received.

RECOMMENDED

That all future meetings be restricted to Allotment Holders only.

54. ROE HILL HALL

a) **The Bar**

The Committee noted the completion of the work to the bar at a total cost of £1,705 for furniture and £11,666.34 for the alterations and new floor covering.

b) **Adult Care Hub Building**

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk and noted the issues regarding surface water drainage, electricity supply and emergency fire exits.

The Committee then considered whether it wished to accept a commuted rental payment of £50,000 and use it to construct an Astro turf pitch.

Officers were asked to provide a detailed report to the next meeting of the Committee

c) **Cellar Cooling**

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk. Councillor Clark asked about the additional extractor unit that had been fixed to the cellar wall and officers were asked to investigate this.

RECOMMENDED

That the cellar cooling system be replaced at a total cost of £3,645 including a three – year parts and labour warranty.

55. LEMS福德 VILLAGE HALL

The Committee noted that the work had been completed at a total cost of £2,800 including electrical work.

56. BIRCHWOOD LEISURE CENTRE

a) CCTV

The Committee noted the report of the Town Clerk.

b) Front Corridor

The Committee noted the report of the Town Clerk.

c) Sportsman

The Committee noted the report of the Town Clerk.

d) Christmas / New year Opening

The Committee considered the report of the Leisure Services manager.

RECOMMENDED

- 1) That roller shutter be installed at a cost of £1,145.
- 2) That the Council close its Birchwood operations from 5pm on Sunday 24 December until 9am on Tuesday 2 January.
- 3) That staff activity during this period be limited to locking and unlocking and a building check.
- 4) That officers investigate zoning alarms and altering switching as appropriate.

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that it may be necessary to use his delegated authority to order the roller shutter before the Council meeting to ensure its installation before Christmas.

e) Capital Expenditure

The Committee considered a request to purchase items for Birchwood

RECOMMENDED

That two Exercise Bikes, two Benches and a Scoreboard be purchased at a total cost of £1,820.

57. ELLENBROOK RECREATION GROUND

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk.

RECOMMENDED

That the rent of £300 per annum be agreed.

58. FOOTBALL PITCH USEAGE

The Committee considered the report of the Leisure Services Manager

RECOMMENDED

- 1) That all sports pitches continue in use
- 2) That appropriate action to be taken to deal with the infestation of rabbits at Lemsford as this could lead to injury of users.

59. KINGDOM HALL, HOLLYFIELD/ ACACIA STREET OPEN SPACE

The Committee considered the report of the Town clerk.

RECOMMENDED

That the request to be agreed to subject to sight of the report of the Structural Engineer, and the Council's Solicitors drawing up the appropriate Agreement to be paid for by the Jehovah's Witnesses.

60. NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that documents regarding the transfer of three small areas of public open space had been received by the Council's Solicitors from Bovis Homes.

61. BAR TRADING ACCOUNTS

The Bar Trading Accounts for the period 1 April 2006 to 14 November 2006 were received and the excellent figures noted.