

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure Committee held in the Council Offices, Kennelwood House, Town Centre, Hatfield, on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR P. O'BRIEN (CHAIRMAN)

COUNCILLORS: M. CLARK, W. DAVIES, MRS H LAMING,  
MRS L MENDEZ, H. MORGAN, R. SMITH, G. WILTSHIRE

ALSO PRESENT: COUNCILLOR MRS. M. WHITE

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

23. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N. Atkinson and C. Croft.

24. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2006 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

26. FESTIVAL SUB-COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Sub-Committee held on 23 May 2006 and 3 July 2006 were received.

27. ROE HILL HALL

**a) The Adult Care Hub Building**

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk and had before it the proposals and quotation from Wicksteed Leisure for a Multi-use games area.

RESOLVED

- i) That the offer by the County Council Solicitor to prepare the draft lease and draft wayleave variation be accepted.
- ii) That a commuted lump sum of £50,000 be sought.
- iii) That additional grant funding be investigated.

- iv) That the proposals before the Committee from Wicksteed for an Astroturf Multi-use Games Area be approved as the basis for further quotations.

**b) Charity Football Match 2 July 2006**

The Committee noted the report of the Town Clerk.

**c) Bar**

The Committee noted the report of the Town Clerk.

28. **BIRCHWOOD**

**a) Birchwood Working Party**

The Committee received the minutes of the meeting of the Working Party held on 20 July 2006. The Town Clerk apologised to the Committee that the details of Minute 6 RELOCATION OF KENELWOOD OFFICES related to improvements to Birchwood and that the details about the relocation of the offices had been omitted. He said that corrected minutes would be provided for the next meeting of the Working Party and for the Resources and Policy Committee.

The Committee noted minutes 1-4 and in respect of Minute 5 it was

**RESOLVED**

That the press and public be excluded from the following item as their presence would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

The Committee supported the decisions of the Working Party in respect of Minute 5(i) and (ii).

It was then

**RESOLVED**

That the press and public be readmitted to the meeting.

The Committee then considered the proposals of the Working Party for improvements to Birchwood Leisure Centre, which should not have included re-carpeting the bar.

**RESOLVED**

That the proposals be approved.

**b) Footpath across Playing Fields**

The Committee noted the report of the Town Clerk.

**c) Hutchison 3G Mast**

The Committee noted the report of the Town Clerk.

29. ELLENBROOK RECREATION GROUND

The Committee noted the report of the Town Clerk, who advised Members that the installation would now not take place before August.

30. NEW VAN

The Committee noted the report of the Town Clerk.

31. SMOKING BANS

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED

That smoking be banned with immediate effect in Roe Hill Hall, Lemsford Village Hall and Oxlease House Community Centre and in any future buildings controlled by the Town Council.

32. NEW HOWE DELL SCHOOL

The Committee noted the report of the Town Clerk.

33. USER GROUP MEETING

The Committee noted the report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED

- (i) That no culling of rabbits at Lemsford be carried out
- (ii) That officers provide a detailed report on football pitch demand and usage.
- (iii) That the showers at Lemsford be retiled subject to more quotations being obtained.

- (iv) That one rugby pitch at Roe Hill be changed to Football subject to the practicality of such a change and discussions with Hatfield Rugby Club.
- (v) That the issues of relocation of the cricket nets be discussed at the autumn meeting of the User Group.
- (vi) That the bricked-up window in the kitchen at Roe Hill be not reinstated.

34. BAR/CAFÉ TRADING ACCOUNTS

The Committee received the Trading Accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 to 3 July 2006.