

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN  
WANTAGE CIVIC HALL, PORTWAY, ON MONDAY,  
15 MARCH, 2010, AT 8 P.M.**

Committee members present: Councillor Mrs J Reynolds (Chairman)  
Councillors B H Armitage, Mrs P Brundle,  
Mrs J Hannaby, J Morgan, P M O'Leary and  
Major J Sibbald.

Others present: Councillor P Kent.

Deputy Clerk: Mrs H Kell.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Standen and Mrs E Turner.

**Declarations of Interest**

None.

**Minutes of Meeting held on 25 January, 2010**

The minutes were approved and signed.

**32. Statements and Questions from the Public**

None.

**33. Matters Arising**

Stockham Park Amenity Area

The Deputy Clerk reported that work to improve the surface of the play area at Stockham Park would commence in the spring. **Action : Deputy Clerk**

**34. Allotment Matters**

(a) Up-date on Clearing of Plots 25 and 26 Stockham Park

The Deputy Clerk reported that Oxfordshire County Council had provided the name of a waste disposal contractor who might be able to help with the clearing of the waste on plots 25 and 26 Stockham Park. **Action : Deputy Clerk**

(b) "Mares Tail" on Plots at Stockham Park

The Committee noted that three allotment plots at Stockham Park now had the problem of the presence of this weed.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Mrs Reynolds,  
SECONDED by Councillor Armitage,  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council's maintenance contractor be requested to use the insecticide "Roundup", which, it was believed, could clear the weed "Mares Tail" from the plots. It was agreed that the advice of the maintenance contractor be sought.  
**Action : Deputy Clerk**

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(c) Hedging at Stockham Park

The Committee noted that the work to plant hedging at Stockham Park to separate the play area from the allotment site had now been completed.

(d) Lark Hill Allotments

The Committee discussed a request that when plots became available at the Lark Hill allotment site they should be divided into two as the plots were very large and there was a waiting list for allotments at this site. The Committee considered the request, and

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Mrs Hannaby,  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Reynolds,  
IT WAS RESOLVED, because of the length of the waiting list for allotment plots at the Lark Hill site and due to the very large size of the plots, that when an allotment became available it should be divided to make two plots. This would accommodate more tenants and reduce the waiting list.

(e) Spring Allotment Inspections

The Chairman reported she would circulate possible dates for allotment inspections.

**Action : Reynolds**

(f) Letter from Mr Fox re Plot-Holders at Grove Road Allotments

The Committee received, and considered, a letter from Mr Fox, a tenant at the Grove Road allotment site outlining his concern at the condition of the path between his and neighbouring plots. The Deputy Clerk reported that she had inspected the area, and the path had now been cleared.

**35. Alfred's Bath**

The Committee considered the report which had been presented to the Wantage Joint Environment Trust regarding the refurbishment and maintenance work at Alfred's Bath.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Armitage,  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Hannaby,  
IT WAS RESOLVED that any further refurbishment work at Alfred's Bath should be postponed until after the next meeting of the Wantage Joint Environment Trust at which funding would be discussed.

**36. Youth and Leisure Facilities in Wantage and Grove : Up-Date**

Members of both Wantage Town Council and Grove Parish Council had been invited to a meeting to discuss the future of the Sweatbox youth facility in Wantage.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Major Sibbald,  
SECONDED by Councillor O'Leary,  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the running of the Sweatbox youth facility for Wantage and Grove should be taken as an exemplar, and should be promoted as a model for both county and national consideration.

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ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Armitage,  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Hannaby,  
IT WAS RESOLVED that the proposition should be considered at the next meeting  
of the Policy, Management and Finance Committee.

It was agreed that an item "Report on youth facilities" be included on the agendas of  
all future Recreation and Amenities Committee meetings. **Action : Deputy Clerk**

Councillor O'Leary reported that £2,000 of the £10,000 grant received by the  
Concords Boys Football Club would be used to improve its youth team pitches  
thereby encouraging more young players.

**37. General Correspondence**

None.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

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