

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN WANTAGE CIVIC HALL,  
PORTWAY, ON MONDAY 16 MARCH 2009 AT 8.45 PM**

Committee Members Present: Councillor Mrs J Hannaby (Vice Chairman)  
Councillors B Armitage, Mrs P Brundle, A Geden  
P O'Leary, Major J Sibbald and Dr ICE Turcu

Other councillors present: Councillor P Kent

Deputy Clerk: Mrs H Kell

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors A Crawford and Mrs E Turner (Chairman)

**Declarations of Interest**

None

**Minutes of Meetings held on 27 January 2009**

The minutes were approved and signed

**26 Statements and Question from the Public**

None

**27 Matters Arising**

a) Allotment 'No Dog' signs

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Vice Chairman Councillor Mrs Hannaby  
SECONDED by Councillor Armitage

IT WAS RESOLVED that six 'No Dog' signs be purchased for erection at the allotment sites.

b) Stockham Park Amenity Area

The Vice Chairman reported that the District Council's Park Manager had visited Stockham Park and had congratulated the Town Council on the hawthorn hedge planting at Stockham Park. The District Council will be releasing some funding for improvements for areas of their ownership at Stockham Park.

**28 Allotment Matters**

(a) 2008/2009 outstanding agreements: The Committee recommended that a further letter be sent to the remaining allotment tenants outlining the necessity of returning the agreement.

b) Clearing of plots 25 and 26 – Stockham Park: The Deputy Clerk reported that plots 25 and 26 at Stockham Park will be cleared after the Easter school holiday when the ground should be drier.

c) Update on the Ickleton Road to Hamfield footpath: A small digger was to be hired by the handyman at a cost of £ 80.00 to clear the footpath.

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d) Other allotment matters: The Committee noted the concern of a new tenant of 10a Larkhill allotments as to his responsibility if a member of the public should injure themselves in the vicinity of his allotment.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Vice Chairman Mrs Hannaby

SECONDED by Councillor Major Sibbald

IT WAS RESOLVED that confirmation should be obtained that the allotment tenancy agreement indicates that tenants are responsible for footpaths adjacent to their allotments.

Advice should also be sought from the Clerk that the Council's insurance policy covers injury to persons at the allotment.

**29 Update on Use of Leisure Facilities in Wantage**

a) Toddlers water feature. The Committee noted that the groundwork for the new toddlers water feature at Manor Road Recreation Ground was now in place.

b) New Youth Club facilities: County Councillors were concerned that although new youth facilities were being provided in other areas in the County, no provision was being considered for Wantage. A letter, outlining Councillors concerns, was to be presented to the Policy, Management and Finance Committee.

**30 General correspondence**

None

**31 Any other business**

Councillor O'Leary reported that the Chamber of Commerce were proposing to provide posters of the Vale area to be fitted to the windows of the previous Woolworth's store. The cost of the posters was to be approximately £ 650.00.

ON THE PROPOSITION of The Vice Chairman, Councillor Mrs Hannaby

SECONDED by Councillor Armitage

IT WAS RESOLVED that, although the Committee supported the project in principle, The Chamber of Commerce be informed that they should apply in writing to the Council's Policy, Management and Finance Committee to consider financially supporting the project.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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