

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE  
OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN WANTAGE CIVIC HALL, PORTWAY,  
ON MONDAY 25 JANUARY 2010 AT 8.45 PM**

Committee Members Present: Councillor Mrs J Reynolds (Chairman),  
Councillors B Armitage, Mrs P Brundle, A Crawford, J Morgan, P  
O’Leary and Mrs E Turner.

Other Councillors Present: Councillor P Kent

Deputy Clerk: Mrs H Kell

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mrs J Hannaby, Major J Sibbald, D Standen, and Dr ICE Turcu.

**Declaration of Interest**

None

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 November 2009**

The minutes were approved and signed

**26 Statements and Questions from the Public**

None

**27 Matters arising**

a) Stockham Park Amenity Area

The Committee noted that, due to the inclement weather, the grounds maintenance contractor had been unable to fill in the grooves in the surface of the play area. The work will be undertaken in the Spring.

**28 Allotment matters**

a) Plots 25 and 26 Stockham Park allotments

The clearing of plots 25 and 26 Stockham Park allotments had been recommended during the Spring of 2010. The Deputy Clerk was requested to obtain further quotations. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

b) Plots 27b, 28 and 30b Grove Road allotments

Members noted that clearing of waste from 27b, 28 and 30b Grove Road allotments had commenced.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Mrs Reynolds

SECONDED BY Councillor O’Leary

IT WAS RESOLVED that as the plot holder had commenced clearing waste from the plots, even though the weather had been inclement, he should retain tenancy of the plots and the Committee should continue to monitor the situation. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

c) Plot 2 Larkhill allotments

Members of the Committee had been circulated the letters from the tenant of plot 2 Larkhill allotment, outlining his request to retain tenancy of the plot for health reasons. The Committee were pleased that work and some cultivation had now started, but requested the poly tunnel be removed.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Crawford

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SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Turner

IT WAS RESOLVED that a letter to be sent to the tenant reminding him that poly tunnels are not permitted by the Council on any allotment site and requesting him to give a date when the tunnel will be removed.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

d) Hedging and fencing at Stockham Park allotment

The Deputy Clerk reported that a quotation of approximately £ 350 had been received for the planting of hawthorn saplings to provide a hedge to separate the play area and allotment site at Stockham Park. Additional costs for planting and protective plastic sleeves would increase the cost of the project to approximately £ 500. Planting was recommended in February.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Mrs Reynolds

SECONDED by Councillor Morgan

IT WAS RESOLVED that hawthorn saplings at a cost of approximately £ 350 be ordered to provide a hedge at Stockham Park allotment, to separate the play area and allotment site. The Deputy Clerk was requested to obtain accurate costings for planting and protective sleeves and to agree the total cost of the project with the Chairman.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

e) Grove Road allotment – Entrance gate

It was reported that the plastic anti vandal strips had now been attached to the gate at Grove Road allotment. The chain and combination lock was to be installed in the near future by the handyman. There had been no further reports of vandalism at the site.

f) Greenhouse – Grove Road allotment

A request has been received from a tenant to erect a 6ft x 4ft polycarbonate greenhouse.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Crawford

SECONDED by Councillor Armitage

IT WAS RESOLVED that the policy for giving permission for erection of greenhouses should be in line with the present policy for sheds.

a) The greenhouse must be polycarbonate and not glass.

b) Permission must be obtained from the Council prior to erection of the greenhouse.

c) A bond of £ 30 must be paid.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

**29 Alfred's Bath –Tree Survey**

The Committee noted that a quotation had been received from Crosscut Tree Surgeon for a survey and work to trees at Alfred's Bath. Further quotations will be available for the next meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee. It was noted that volunteers would undertake the ground clearance work at the site and only work requested for Health and Safety purposes would be undertaken in the next financial year.

**30 Update regarding leisure facilities in Wantage and Grove**

The County Council had reversed their decision to cut youth funding in their 2010/11 budget following a presentation by young people from Grove and Wantage. Councillor Green had been involved in this project and it had been requested a report be obtained from him for the next meeting. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

**31 General correspondence**

None

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.