

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES
COMMITTEE OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN WANTAGE CIVIC HALL,
PORTWAY, ON TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2009 AT 7.45 PM**

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

Deputy Clerk: Mrs H Kell

Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Mrs J Hannaby

Declarations of Interest

None

Minutes of Meetings held on 3 November 2008

The minutes were approved and signed

21 Statements and Question from the Public

None

22 Matters Arising

a) Minute 16 – 'No Dog' signs

The Committee noted that, following visits to the allotment sites, 'No Dog' signs were evident at all the sites. The Larkhill allotment site was the only site where reports of problems with dogs have been reported.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Mrs Turner
SECONDED by Councillor Armitage

IT WAS RESOLVED that part of the Larkhill allotment site appears to be the only site where dogs have been reported as a problem. Two 'No Dog' signs be purchased and erected at both entrances of the site.

b) Stockham Park Amenity Area

The Committee recommended that the problems of vehicles being driven over the play area be kept under observation.

Action: Deputy Clerk

23 Allotment Matters

(a) 2008/2009 outstanding agreements: The Committee recommended that the office continue to chase tenants who have not returned their new tenancy agreements.

b) Vacant plots: The Deputy Clerk reported that the allotment sites which have become vacant due to tenants not renewing their tenancies are now being re-let.

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c) Ickleton Road to Hamfield footpath: The Deputy Clerk reported that the handyman had incurred some problems when attempting to widen the footpath. The Committee proposed that the Deputy Clerk continue to liaise with the handyman in order to resolve the problem of getting appropriate equipment onto the site. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

b) Allotment inspection

ON THE PROPOSITION of The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Turner
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Brundle
IT WAS RESOLVED that an allotment inspection be held on Saturday 25 April 2009,
commencing at 9.30 am at Larkhill allotments.
It was agreed that 45 minutes be set aside for the visits to each allotment.

24 Action Plan – Use of Leisure Facilities in Wantage

The Committee considered the request from the Wantage and Grove Health check Steering Group that the Town Council's Recreation and Amenities Committee act as the principle body for Wantage for responsibility for progressing actions as identified in the Action Plan, relating to youth and leisure facilities. The Committee noted that the Action Plans in Wantage and Grove included:

- a) Improved toddler water features to replace the current paddling pool
- b) Provision of an athletic track
- c) A purpose built shared new facility

In reply to a question of an increased budget for the Committee, the Chairman reported that the Committee would be responsible for lobbying other levels of local government and receiving proposals from them.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Turner
SECONDED by Councillor Major Sibbald
IT WAS PROPOSED that the Recreation and Amenities Committee be the principle body for Wantage for the responsibility for progressing actions as identified in the Action Plan relating to youth and leisure facilities, and that youth and leisure facilities be an item on the agenda of the meetings of the Committee. The Chairman put the proposition to the vote and it was carried unanimously. The Deputy Clerk was requested to contact the District Council to ensure that any proposals for improvement to leisure facilities in Wantage be made available to the Town Council. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

25 General correspondence

None

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

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