

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES
COMMITTEE OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN WANTAGE CIVIC HALL,
PORTWAY, ON MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2008 AT 8.00 PM**

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

Other Councillors present: Councillor P Kent

Deputy Clerk: Mrs H Kell

Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor A Crawford

Declarations of Interest

None

Minutes of Meetings held on 8 September 2008

The minutes were approved and signed

14 Statements and Question from the Public

None

15 Matters Arising

(a) Stockham Park Amenity Area

The hawthorn hedging should be planted within the next week. The problem of allotment holders driving their vehicles across the play area. When children were playing was discussed. The Committee agreed that this was possibly a Health and Safety risk.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Armitage

SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Hannaby

IT WAS RESOLVED that a letter be sent to all the allotment holders at Stockham Park reminding them that vehicles must not be driven across the play area. Vehicles must be parked on the hard standing area immediately inside the gate. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

16 Allotment Matters

(a) Report on allotment inspection held on 20 September.

i) Larkhill. There were reports that dogs were running loose on the allotment site.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman, it was agreed to obtain prices for 'NO DOGS' signs to be erected at each entrance of the allotments.

ii) Grove Road. The Committee noted a request from allotment holders for hedging along the entrance to the site to deter vandalism. The Committee noted that the allotment site was not owned by the Council and therefore the action might not be appropriate.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES
COMMITTEE OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN
WANTAGE CIVIC HALL, PORTWAY, ON MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2008 AT 8.00 PM

iii) Letcombe Fields. Concerns had been voiced by allotment holders at the height of some of the trees on and around Letcombe Fields allotments.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman
SECONDED BY Councillor Mrs Brundle

IT WAS RESOLVED that the District Council's Arboriculture Officer be requested to inspect the trees.

Action: Deputy Clerk

(b) To report on the allotment renewals 2008/2009

The Committee recommended that if the rents for the current year were not received by 6 November 2008, letters of termination of tenancy be sent and the plots re-let.

Action: Deputy Clerk

(c) Ickleton Road to Hamfield footpath

The Chairman reported that she and the Deputy Clerk, had met the handyman, who will now give an estimate for clearing the footpath.

(d) Water leaks at Naldertown and Grove Road allotments

The Deputy Clerk reported that the water leaks at both Naldertown and Grove Road allotments had been dealt with quickly by the handyman.

17 Civic Hall

The Chairman reported that she had arranged a meeting on 19 November 2008 for 10 am at the Civic Hall with Mr Chris Webb, the District Council Leisure Facilities Manager, to discuss and gather information as to the usage of all of the Civic Halls and to also discuss ways in which the Town Council can help approach prospective users. She proposed that the meeting should also include discussion on the support which could be given for users who will lose the current discount they receive on bookings.

18 Information sign for Alfred Bath

The Committee received and considered a copy of the proposed sign for Alfred's Bath. The Committee were concerned at the number of inaccuracies on the draft and recommended that the Deputy Clerk contact the museum to ensure that the sign has the correct information.

Action: Deputy Clerk

19 Estimates 2009/2010

The Committee considered the estimates for 2009/2010. Although at a previous meeting it was agreed not to increase allotment rents for 2009/10, it was recommended that all expenditure items for the coming financial year, be increased by 2.5% in accordance with the Council's policy. The Committee requested clarification as to the budget item of £2250 for Health and Safety.

Action: Deputy Clerk

20 General correspondence

None

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

HK/ME
