

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN WANTAGE CIVIC  
HALL, PORTWAY, ON MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 8.20 PM**

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

Deputy Clerk: Mrs H Kell

**Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from the Mayor, Councillor P O'Leary.

**Declarations of Interest**

None

**Minutes of Meetings held on 7 July and 28 July 2008**

The minutes were approved and signed

**10 Statements and Question from the Public**

None

**11 Matters Arising**

**(a) Stockham Park Amenity Area**

Councillor Mrs Hannaby reported that following complaints that teenagers were again playing football in the play area of Stockham Park, it appeared that the length of the grass at the Stockham Park Amenity Area continues to be too long for them to play football. Although members were aware of the very wet summer, which had hampered grass maintenance,

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Mrs Turner

SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Hannaby

IT WAS RESOLVED that the grass maintenance contractor be requested to confirm the number of cuts undertaken per season in the area. It was also requested that nettles on the peripheral of the Amenity Area together with those adjacent to the footpath be cut back. The Deputy Clerk was requested to obtain costings for purchasing a goalpost for the Amenity Area. The Deputy Clerk was also requested to order the hawthorn hedging for Stockham Park previously agreed by the Committee. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

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(b) Allotment Administration

The Chairman reported that she had met with the office staff and recommended that the present policy for the administration of the council allotments continues.

**12 Allotment Matters**

(a) Update on plots 110b and 100c Letcombe Fields allotment

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that plots 100b and 100c have now been let to new tenants.

(b) Allotment inspection

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman,  
SECONDED by Councillor Geden

IT WAS RESOLVED that an allotment inspection take place on Saturday 20 September 2008 commencing at 9.30 am at Larkhill allotments.

It was also agreed that forty five minutes be allocated for each allotment site visit.

(c) Maintenance of the footpath from Ickleton Road to Hamfield allotments.

The Committee noted the request for the footpath from Ickleton Road to Hamfield allotments to be cleared to enable easier access to the town centre. Following consultation by the Healthcheck Steering Group, easier access to the town centre was requested by residents. It is hoped this will improve the vitality of the town.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman,  
SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Hannaby

IT WAS RESOLVED that the handyman be requested to clear the footpath from Ickleton Road to Hamfield allotments.

**13 General correspondence**

None

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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