

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE LEISURE FACILITIES & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 7.30PM
AT THE PARISH CENTRE LOCKLEYS DRIVE WELWYN.**

Present: Councillor J Blackburn (Chairman) and Councillors S Butler
I Colpitts, H Hughes, L McLusky and J Roper

In attendance: J Lewis (Office Administrator) and J Wardley (Welwyn Allotments
Association)

Apologies: Councillor M Benson (work commitments)

2007/99 Declarations of Interest. There were none.

2007/100 Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 18th September 2007.

There was one amendment to Appendix 1 of the minutes with the addition of Cllr Roper as attending the judging of the Allotments on 5th and 9th August 2007. Subject to that amendment the minutes were agreed as a true and Accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

2007/101 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 18th September 2007.

Drainage pipe at allotments. There was nothing further to report

White Horse public house. The Office Administrator reported that Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council had been contacted and replied that they were unable to process a complaint from the Parish Council. The Borough Council advised that they could only accept complaints from individual neighbours for which they charged a fee of £350.00.

Meeting with John Swift, St Mary's Church Warden. The Chairman reported that this meeting had now been arranged for 26th September 2007 meeting at Church House at 10.30am.

Cemetery Walkabout update. The Office Administrator reported on behalf of John Quinton, Head Grounds man, on progress on action points raised during the Walkabout.

London Road update. There was nothing further to report.

Sign post proposal. Cllr Hughes reported that a Working Party was due to meet to consider this matter and requested that Cllr Colpitts become a member of the Working Party.

2007/102 Allotment matters from the Allotment Association & Committee.

There were none.

2007/103 Kick Wall.

It was **agreed** that the Committee recommends to Full Council that Welwyn Parish Council proceed with the development of the Kick Wall and that the Full Council satisfies itself with the proposed location of the Wall. It was also **agreed** that the Clerk be asked to obtain a detailed quotation from suppliers with references of other similar work done locally that could be

inspected by members of the Committee.

2007/104 Licensing Act 2003: Removing DPS requirement for Village Halls and similar Community Buildings.

The Chairman reported on proposed changes in licensing legislation.

2007/105 Correspondence.

Letter from Mrs Wonacott 18 School Lane Welwyn.

It was agreed that the Clerk reply to Mrs Wonacott to the effect that the Committee had no current plans for the maintenance of trees bordering her property but that it would keep her advised of any changes in such plans in the future.

Letter from Bob Jewell, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council.

It was noted that the Borough Council would not be making a donation to The Friends of Mardley Heath.

Letter from Welwyn Bowls Club.

It was noted that the Club agreed to sell the Council a mower for £500.00

2007/106 Budget Items for 2008/2009.

It was agreed that the following items be added to this budget:

New notice board outside Digswell Village Hall

Provision of replacement hot beverage water heaters for Civic Centre

Provision of replacement of Chairs in Civic Centre

Provision for reinstatement of Cloakrooms in Civic Centre

Provision for internal and external redecoration of Civic Centre

2007/107 War Memorial Cleaning.

The Office Administrator reported that John Dass had been instructed to carry out this work subject to the payment of a 50% deposit.

2007/108 Youth Working Party.

Cllr Roper reported he will be arranging a meeting of the Youth Working Party now he has quotations for the Skate park and that provision of the proposed Kick Wall will also be discussed.

2007/109 Website.

There was nothing further to report.

2007/110 Working Party reports.

Cllr McLusky presented notes from a meeting of the Civic Centre Working Party on 13th September 2007.

2007/111 Civic Centre Rent.

There was nothing further to report.

2007/112 Close of Meeting.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at

8.55pm.

Signed:..... Date:.....
Chairman of Leisure Facilities & Open Spaces Committee.