

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



**Minutes of
RECREATION, LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2013 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7- 30PM.**

1. **PRESENT:** C'llrs Allan, Betteridge, Dance, Downie, White with Cllr Crane in the chair
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** received from C'llrs Kennedy and Williams
3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** there were no declarations
4. **MINUTES:** of the previous Recreation, Leisure & Environment Committee were approved at the recent Full Council Meeting
5. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - a) **REC entrance main gate,** combination lock has been installed and combination issued to all users.
6. **PLAY AREAS:**
 - a) **Pretoria Road;**
 - i. **Monitor equipment on inspection report,** Committee to continue monitoring equipment reference comments from most recent inspection report. C'llr Crane stated that recent weather has meant inspection of the equipment has not been carried out, he agreed to visit the play area once the weather has improved.
 - b) **Dewey's Lane;**
 - i. **Monitor equipment on inspection report.** C'llr Crane reported a recent visit to the play area to check the equipment, a full check was not possible due to the conditions, notwithstanding the conditions the equipment appeared to be satisfactory.
 - ii. **Install new pole & sign.** It was agreed to wait until an improvement in the weather before tackling this work
7. **Recreation Ground;**
 - a) **Re- instate removed sign & pole,** comments as per item above regarding weather conditions.
 - b) **Skateboard Equipment, install new Plaque.** C'llr Crane showed the committee a photograph of the installed plaque.
 - c) **Recent fire.** The Clerk provided a photograph of a fire in the REC. it was agreed that unless the culprit could be caught there was little the Town Council can do, except monitor the situation and call the Police
8. **ENVIRONMENT:**
 - a) **Grit bin report;** C'llr Crane reported he had visited 6 locations within Ludgershall and had taken photographs of the grit bins in these locations. It was suggested there may be more grit bins around the town, however some are not the responsibility of WCC. A copy of the photographs was passed to C'llr White to pass to the Clerk.
 - b) **PRofW Footpath 8 – steps damaged.** An email complaint has been received by the Clerk regarding damaged steps down from the railway bridge towards Gould Close, the Clerk and Mr Ward have reported the issue to Clarence for further action

- c) **Dog Fouling around the Town.** It has been reported that a number of the footpaths within Ludgershall are suffering from an inordinate amount of dog fouling. The Committee were reminded that there is a page on the WCC website for reporting instances of dog fouling. Use of the website for complaints is open to all members of the public. The Clerk has reported dog fouling but would like others to do the same.
 - d) **Fly Posting.** Slimmer's World has littered the length of Andover Road with posters on wooden posts and in bus shelters. This process is not permitted; the Clerk has reported this to WCC for further action.
 - e) **Dumping of Waste Sacks.** The Clerk reported 8 black plastic waste sacks had been dumped along the footpath leading off Deweys Lane. A works order has been raised to have the plastic sacks removed, this is another example of public money being spent to rectify an unnecessary act of thoughtlessness. In another, assumed to be an unrelated incident, regarding dumping of waste sacks a black or dark coloured sports car was seen to stop outside the REC gate and the driver was seen to remove a waste sack from the car and then proceed to dump the sack in the REC. Upon inspection this sack was seen to contain empty glass and metal drinks containers. Mr Ward was too far away from the incident to be able to take down details of the vehicle.
9. **MEMORIAL HALL – Christmas lights removed.** Were removed 8th January and are now stored in the Council Office in the Memorial Hall.
10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** Members of the committee agreed there were still far too many incidents of damaged pavements in the town, it appears reporting these to WCC does not seem to lead to any remedial action taking place.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:55

Signed

Date