

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Recreation, Leisure & Environment Committee meeting held on the 16th May 2016 in the Council Office, 22 High street, Ludgershall at 7-00pm.

Present:	Cllr White	Cllr Burgon
	Cllr Giles	Cllr Hall
	Cllr Downie	Cllr Hollis
Absent:	Cllr M. Williams	

	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
31/16	1. <u>Elect a Chairman</u> Cllr K Hall was proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Giles, carried.	
32/16	2. <u>Elect a Vice-Chairman</u> Cllr Hollis proposed by Cllr Giles. Seconded by Cllr Downie: - Carried.	
33/16	3. <u>Apologies</u> None were received.	
34/16	4. <u>Declaration of Interest</u> No declaration of interest.	
35/16	5. <u>Minutes</u> of the previous meeting had been circulated and approved at the May full Town Council Meeting. The Clerk confirmed that the Step-by-step signs have been ordered and the sign at Pretoria Road Playpark had been repaired. The Entrance sign at Deweys Lane was now in place.	
36/16	<p>6. <u>Play Areas</u></p> <p><u>Dewey's Lane</u> - a) Canopy Design. On-going. Complaints have been received that some people didn't like the sunshine. The only canopy available is in Philadelphia. Problems are the expense and the issue of people climbing onto the canopy.</p> <p>b) Sharps Box. Training for how sharps would be processed had been arranged for the council contractors on 6th June.</p> <p>c) Scrambler Rope. The Scrambler rope has been replaced. The Play Equipment inspector had advised that once equipment was out of warranty, then it didn't need to be replaced with like for like – it is only required when the warranty is still valid for insurance reasons. He confirmed that he is happy to provide advice in alternatives in such situations.</p> <p>d) Wet pour for main swings – corner lifting. The wet pour is shrinking and cracking around the base and one of the corners can be lifted causing a trip hazard – this was picked up in the Play Inspector's quarterly report as a grade 3 risk. This was repaired last year, and Willmonts have been contracted to carry out repairs this year, but it is likely it will need to be repaired again.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Burgon suggested that the council should look at a full replacement. This will be considered for next year's precept. One of the mushrooms needs to be re-glued, and the platform on the little spinner is rough and needs sanding down and re-polishing. Cllrs Burgon and Giles will redo this. The swings at the other end of the recreation ground are rusting and need cleaning. The Inspector mentioned these seats aren't used often, and are probably due to be replaced soon. The decision as to whether these should be replaced or removed completely will be remitted to the Finance and Policy committee. The Inspector also highlighted that there was a split buffer in the first pedestrian gate and that the vehicle gate should be locked due to health and safety reasons. The committee will consider this further, possibly by installing a collapsible post.</p> <p><u>Pretoria Road</u> - Nothing above Grade 3 risk in the Inspector's report. Ground shows signs of shrinkage around the swings, and the gatepost is split.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Burgon/Giles</p>
37/16	<p>7. <u>Recreation Ground</u> – a) Fair – Their visit in May was a good success, and brought in £141.09 for the council, £41.09 of which is for electricity usage. However, a H&S issue with a fair worker receiving a bad electric shock from the fair's generators has been brought to the council's attention, and it was agreed to write to Stokes advising him of what has happened and asking him to respond.</p> <p>b) Circus 2017. Millers circus inquired about bringing their circus to Ludgershall in May this year. This was refused as another circus is already booked for September. However, he has asked to book a date in May 2017. The committee agreed to this on the understanding that the date remains in May – any alteration will void the contract – and that they understand that they will not be the only circus in Ludgershall next year. The fair is also on May, however no issues have been identified.</p> <p>c) Boundary hedge with Central Street – update. The Clerk and Cllr Giles found the original concrete posts for the boundary line and the children's den is not on Recreation Ground land. The tenant has been informed.</p> <p>d) Caretaker's report. The caretaker has picked up women's underwear and used condoms by the playground and used tampons were found in the Jubilee garden. The police will be notified and Cllr White will raise the issue at the next NPT meeting.</p> <p>e) Signs for Dog Exercise Area. On-going.</p> <p>f) Dog fouling – awareness campaign. There has been no contact with Dogs trust yet in Salisbury. Cllr Giles will contact the school first, and then the Trust.</p> <p>g) Litter bin signs. These will go up now that the weather is better.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Giles</p>
38/16	<p>8. <u>Environment</u></p> <p>a) Christmas lights 2016 – Balfour Beatty have now given up the contract and the Clerk has been given the name of Atkins as the new contractors. She will get a quote for 2 lighting columns on the two standard on high street that can be done. With regards to the testing of the lights, Mrs Hindson has offered to lend a generator for Cllr Giles and Cllr Burgon to use for testing them.</p> <p>b) Wooden seat – This is a Wiltshire Council asset, and they have advised</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Giles/Burgon</p>

	that the matter has been passed on to their contractor. The clerk will ask for an update after 20 th May. c) Litter picking event. A comment about this has been received on Facebook, and the Scouts have also enquired about it. Suggestion that we have another event, and this will be on 10 th June.	Clerk
39/16	9. Any other business. Cllr White has received a letter about Centenary Fields.. This needs to be investigated further. Mr. Bishop is starting boot camp again. The Clerk will ask him to produce his certificate of public liability. The question of fires in back gardens was raised – someone was burning the clippings of a laurel hedge and there were complaints of eyes hurting and white ash everywhere. There are no laws against it..	
	There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7-55pm.	

Date of the next meeting will be 20th June 2016

Signed.....Date.....