

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of RECREATION, LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE 2013 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7-30PM.

1. **PRESENT:** Cllrs; Allan, Betteridge, Williams with Cllr Crane in the Chair
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs; Downie (work), Dance (holiday), White (holiday)
3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST.** There were no declarations of interest made
4. **MINUTES:** Of the previous RLE Committee Meeting were accepted at the Town Council meeting
5. **MATTERS ARISING, from May meeting; Roundabout;**
 - a) Clerk has issued a Works Order to SD Playgrounds to repair the roundabout, with a request to notify Cllr Crane of the date of the visit, quotation not yet received.
 - b) Adult Swings, the Clerk has issued a Works Order to the caretaker to infill round the 'A' frame.
 - c) Cllr Crane has reinstalled the swing after nuts were removed. Seat fitted with new NyLoc locking nuts.
6. **PLAY AREAS:** – Site meeting weather permitting, site meeting not convened at this time, committee will look to meeting on site at a future date.
 - a. **Dewey's Lane;** - Install new pole & sign. Cllr Crane informed the committee of his intention to install the post the following day (Chairs Note; Pole and sign installed Thursday 20th June)
 - b. **Pretoria Road;** – No actions to report
7. **RECREATION GROUND:**
 - a. **Re- instate removed sign & pole;** Cllr Crane informed the committee of his intention to install the pole and sign the following day (Chairs Note: pole and sign installed Thursday 20 June, but has suffered some damage but will be rectified shortly)
 - b. **Electricity – Refund & Meter installed.** Clerk report a refund on the money paid for the installation of the electricity supply, SSE refunded £2045.80, (actual installation cost; £530.78) after approach by Cllr Unwin. Meter installed then tested by AJK on 17th June, certificate of compliance to be sent to the Clerk with the invoice for testing. LTC may invest in a number of connectors and extension leads.
 - c. **Temporary Event Notice received for Fair 1st-7th July,** Clerk reported the events licence had been received, the fair will be requested to reimburse the cost of the licence.
 - d. **Jay Miller Circus** – Request to visit May 2014; The Committee agreed to the visit of the Circus.
 - e. **Water & Electric – Approve Table of Fee's to be charged.** The Committee considered making a standard charge for using Fairs, Circus' and others the Rec. It was agreed to start by requesting a donation from each of the users, however events licence fees and other fees to be reimbursed by the user separately.
 - f. **School Holiday activities by Wiltshire Council;** WCC will be visiting the Rec on 4 dates in the summer holidays (30 July, 7, 14, 21 August) to provide activities for the youths. As a backup they have provisionally booked the Memorial Hall in case the weather is poor.

- g. Replacement litter bin; Clerk requested to secure a quotation to replace the top and liner, and to provide quotation for a more substantial bin.
 - h. Youth Shelter – possible police/TCAB funding. At a recent Town Council meeting PCSO Aaron xxxx suggested there may be funds available to provide a shelter to be placed in the Rec. funding would be outside the remit of the Town Council, possible funds may be provided by the Police and the Area Board. Although funding to buy and install would come from outside the Town Council it would add a cost to the precept to maintain and insure.
- 8. ENVIRONMENT:**
- a) **Tree Maintenance – works complete.** Clerk reported that tree works were completed regarding 4th tree in Castle Street and the bush in the Rec by the main gate..
 - b) **The Big Tree Plant – Grants;** The Committee agreed that there was no area within the area where additional trees may be planted
 - c) **Tree Complaint:** Mrs Wild had complained to the Clerk about overhanging trees causing a ‘tunnel affect’ and the width of Mrs Perry’s hedge along the side of the footpath leading from Deweys Lane. The Committee request the Clerk to write to request the trees to be cut back and properly maintained.
- 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**
- a) **Deweys Lane Light;** New light fitting has been installed, but as yet the LTC has not been invoiced for the work, the Committee agreed to request the Clerk to monitor this.
 - b) **Entrance to the Rec from Deweys Lane;** Cllr Betteridge suggested the entrance to the Rec needs to be reworked. There is a sharp hump which makes it difficult for long vehicles to enter the Rec, as was witnessed when the fair visited the Rec last year. Cllr Betteridge also suggested widening the entrance. Cllr Crane suggested this might be cost prohibitive because it may require a new gate. Clerk to speak with local businesses to request a quotation for further discussion.
 - c) **Christmas Lights:** Cllr Allan asked about precept for the year and did it contain any funding for additional Christmas Lights. At a previous RLE Committee meeting it was suggested there were funds available to install a small number of Christmas Lights on lampposts. The Committee agreed that the LTC should move forward with additional Christmas Lights.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed by the Chair at 20:30

Signed

Date