

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Recreation, Leisure and Environmental committee meeting held on 20th June 2016 in the Council Office, 22 High Street, Ludgershall at 7.00pm

Present:	Cllr K Hall (chair)	Cllr White
	Cllr Williams	Cllr Downie

	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
40/16.	1. Apologies. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Hollis and Cllr Giles, who both had commitments elsewhere.	
41/16.	2. Declaration of Interest. None	
42/16	3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting. The corrections requested at the Full Town Council Meeting on 14 th June had been completed, and the minutes were signed off.	
43/16	4. Play Areas. <i>Deweys Lane.</i> No new items had been raised since the last meeting. However, the repairs to the mushroom were still outstanding. The future of the swings and the table at the bottom of the recreation ground was to be referred to the next town council meeting but the report from the playground equipment inspector indicated that the swing seats merely required cleaning. Cllr Downie suggested that the Caretaker be tasked with cleaning all the swing seats, certainly at the start of the school holidays, perhaps on a more regular basis. <i>Pretoria Road</i> – Nothing reported.	Clerk Clerk
44/16	5. Recreation Ground. a) Boundary Hedge. The tenant of Central Street who complained about children using the hedge as a toilet has been in contact again. Various councillors have been inspecting the site, but the tenant confirmed that they hosed down the site each evening. The boundary hedge is the responsibility of Aster Communities. After discussion, it was agreed that should it be necessary to contact Aster Communities again, then a letter to a more senior person would be sent. b) Caretaker's report –litterbin by Right of Way. The lock on this bin has been broken, and cannot be repaired. Cllr White suggested that the bin be left until it is unusable and then removed. c) Purchase of Sharps Box. The Assistant Clerk has obtained three quotes from specialist waste contractors, although one still has to be confirmed in writing. She also needs to clarify if they will deal with the sharps box found in the toilets. d) Signs for Dog Exercise Area. This is being dealt with by Cllr Giles, and is ongoing. e) Dog Fouling awareness	Asst Clerk

	<p>campaign. Sara-Jane Ladums has offered to approach the school and run a session with them before the end of term. f) Litter Bin Signs. The signs have been put up on the cemetery bin and two of the recreation ground bins, but the others are still outstanding and have been delayed by wet weather. g) The Clerk has been unable to get an update from Solstice Signs, but understands that they are experiencing problems with the A5 size of sign being bent around the pole. h) Rick Bishop has started his boot camp sessions. The Clerk has contacted him to ask for a copy of his Public Liability insurance certificate. Cllr Downie has seen him in the recreation ground and will approach him</p>	<p>Asst Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/ Cllr Downie</p>
45/16	<p>6. Environment. a) Christmas Lights 2016. The Clerk has requested quotes for the electrical work to be done from Ringway, but has had no response so far. The lights still have to be tested and refurbished. Cllr Williams is able to borrow a generator for this task. b) The wooden seat in Andover Road belongs to Wiltshire Council. The repairs are now scheduled to be done, but no timescales for completion have been given. c) Litter Picking Event. Another litter picking event was held on 10th June, but no members of the public attended. The Scouts may be able to provide some assistance. d) Public Rights of Way and Hedge Trimming. A meeting with the Wiltshire Council Rights of Way Officer, Nick Cowen, was held in the office on 9th June. His contractor has trimmed the hedges and grass of three footpaths, footpath 3 from Wood Park to the school, the footpath behind the parish church from St James St to Gould Close, and the footpath between the Recreation Ground and Andover Rd, but this is a one-off event. Future hedge-cuts and grass cutting will have to be either carried out by volunteers or else the committee will have to consider including the costs of a contractor doing it in the precept. Cllr Downie suggested approaching the farmers, however, it is dependent on their good will. There is a section on MyWiltshire App for reporting hedges on footpaths and Rights of Way. Another suggestion was that the town Council as a whole walks the footpaths.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
46/16	<p>7. Any Other Business – For interest only. Evidence of drug-taking has been reported to the council. It should also be reported, along with any other suspicious activities to the police on 101. Cllr White is attending an event with the Chief Constable on 6th July and will raise the issue. The committee will also discuss whether to write to the Crime and Police Commission at the next meeting.</p> <p>At the last meeting, the Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Centenary Fields. This organisation protected playing fields for communities, but as the Town Council owns the land for the Recreation Ground, their services were not required.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.46pm. The date of the next meeting will be Monday 18th July 2016.

Signed: Date: