

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of;

RECREATION, LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST 2013 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7-30PM.

1. **PRESENT:** Cllrs Betteridge, Dance, White, Unwin, with Cllr Allan in the Chair. Clerk to LTC Janet White, Cllr Crane attended later
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Downie, Williams due to work commitments
3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** There were no declarations of interest
4. **MINUTES:** of the previous RLE Committee meeting were approved at the last full council meeting
5. **MATTERS ARISING:** will be covered by these minutes
6. **PLAY AREAS:**
 - a) **Dewey's Lane**
 - i. **Roundabout repairs;** SD Playgrounds carried out repairs with Cllrs Crane and White and the Clerk attending. New bearings to an improved design were installed; the roundabout is now free running
 - ii. **Swing seat repairs;** replacement seat is available, Cllr Crane has agreed to install and remove the damaged seat
 - b) **Pretoria Road; Safety surface lifting,**
 - i. Clerk supplied photographs of the loose surface, it was agreed to request a quotation to repair.
 - ii. Concrete where old seat was removed is breaking up, Clerk to request quotation to repair
7. **RECREATION GROUND:**
 - a) **Replacement litter bin;** Clerk has ordered the replacement litter bin, at a cost of £526.25. Installation will be carried out by members of the RLE Committee
 - b) **Youth Shelter – possible police/TCAB funding;** Clerk has requested progress report from the Police
 - c) **Existing skateboard – rivet repairs;** Cllr Crane has visited the skateboard and has identified 16 rivets that require replacing, he agreed to install replacements before the next meeting. The stock of rivets is reducing, Cllr Crane to inform the Clerk when to request quotes for replacements.
 - d) **Additional Skateboard equipment.** It was agreed a meeting with the youth interested in extra equipment was necessary, Clerk to contact youth group and request them to attend a future RLE meeting. Youth Leader has contacted Cllr White to advise youth are attempting to raise money for a new litter bin, Cllr White has advised the cost and is waiting for further contact.
8. **ENVIRONMENT:**
 - a) **Hedge at 5A Dewey's Lane.** Hedge has been cut back, but the overhanging branches still require attention, Clerk has passed the issue to the Wiltshire Parish Co-ordinator to look into the matter.

b) Play Area Agreement – Review; The RLE Committee recommend an increase in the Caretakers hourly rate from £7.74 and hour to £8.50. This is in recognition of the work carried out by the caretaker on behalf of the LTC

9. BUDGET 2014-2015: – large projects.

a) It was agreed to continue with adding further Christmas Lights to the street scene,

b) An additional noticeboard which would be installed in the Rec. Cost estimate for each is £2000

c) Additional funding to provide literature for the new Council Office

10. Christmas Lights – report on procedure & costs; Clerk to request permission to add Christmas Light fittings to a number of lamp post along Andover Road at a cost of £436.85 per column. Lamp posts, 6, 7, 8 or if not 21 and 41

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: covered by minutes above under Budget

There was no further business to cover and Cllr Allan, in the Chair, closed the meeting at 8:50

Signed

Date