

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of RECREATION, LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY 2013 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 6-45PM.

1. **PRESENT:** Cllrs Allan, Betteridge, Crane, Dance, White, Williams
2. Cllr White took the Chair during election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Recreation, Leisure and Environment Committee
3. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** Cllr Crane, Proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr Allan, there being no other nominations Cllr Crane was re-elected to serve as Chairman of the committee
4. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Cllr Allan, Proposed by Cllr Williams seconded by Cllr Betteridge, there being no other nominations Cllr Allan was re-elected to serve as Vice Chairman of the committee
5. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Were received from Cllr Downie (Family matters)
6. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** There were no declarations of interest received
7. **MINUTES:** Of the previous meeting were approved, without amendment, at the May Full Council meeting.
8. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - a) Pretoria Road Play Area Fence; Fence top bar replaced by Beechfield Cleaning Solutions, invoice accepted at May Full Town Council meeting.
 - b) Letter in response to "Tree Right to Light" complaint was read to the committee, it was agreed the letter covered the issues of the complaint and was accepted for posting to the complainant.
9. **PLAY AREAS:**
 - a) **Dewey's Lane;**
 - i. Install new pole & sign, as the weather is improving Cllr Crane agreed to look to install the sign and pole.
 - ii. ¼ Inspection of equipment; a number of issues were raised by the inspection report, a number were similar comments to previous reports.
 - iii. It was agreed the trip hazards around the swings and inside the goal areas would be a continuing issue that is difficult to resolve. Clerk to raise works order to fill eroded ground by the adult swings.
 - iv. Roundabout repair is in hand, Clerk responding to an email from Cllr Crane to raise a works order for the repair.
 - v. Cllr Crane requested to meet with the contractor to view the work required to repair the roundabout, and to discuss the problem with the local trip hazard and the gate mechanism at Pretoria Road.
 - vi. It was agreed to hold a site meeting in the Rec at the next meeting, weather permitting.
 - vii. There was a general discussion regarding the contractor currently conducting the inspections, it was felt by the committee that it was time to consider investigating a new contractor.
 - b) **Pretoria Road;**
 - i. ¼ Inspection of equipment. Once again the gate damper had been highlighted as a trap hazard.
 - ii. Cllr Crane suggested the design and location made it difficult to eradicate completely any trap hazard, only a new design or new gate and mechanism might provide something compliant.
 - iii. Cllr Crane agreed to discuss with the inspector to see if there is an acceptable solution when he visits to repair the roundabout.
10. **RECREATION GROUND:**
 - a) Re-instate removed sign & pole. Water Supply reconnected. Cllr Crane agreed to look to install the pole when at the same time he installs the new sign/pole.
 - b) Cllr White gave a full update on the reply of water and electricity in the Rec.
 - c) Electricity Supply, ongoing; Cable and box installed, waiting to agree a supplier.
 - d) The committee requested Cllr White should review to suppliers and select one suitable.

- e) Water is already connected, and the box painted green, the committee thanked Cllr White for progressing the two projects.
- f) Jay Miller Circus – Request to visit 2014.
 - i. The committee agreed it would be good for the circus to visit Ludgershall.
 - ii. This is a different circus and may offer differing attractions.
 - iii. However the previous circus did request that we should not allow other circuses to visit, but the committee felt it was not reasonable to agree to this request as there is booking request yet received.
- g) Water & Electric - Table of Fee's to be charged.
 - i. After some discussion it was agreed there should be a minimum charge for use of the utilities in the Rec.
 - ii. Suggestion of a £50 minimum for a nominal usage with an additional fee depending on units or litres used.

11. ENVIRONMENT:

- a) Tree Maintenance, Clerk requested a site meeting with Aspire as trees in Castle Street were not pollarded and tree in Rec gate access has not been felled.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) The Committee agreed to request the Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Mr Peter Unwin for the work he has undertaken to help the Town Council and this committee recently.
- b) Cllr Crane informed the committee that he has spent some time in the Rec inspecting the play equipment, the waste Bin by the adult swings is in a dangerous state and should be removed, there are rivets that need replacing on the Skateboard equipment, he will replace the rivets shortly, he took photographs of the areas of concern for reference.
- c) Adult Swings, Cllr White reported he had removed one of the swings because the nuts holding the seat to the chain had been removed, three nut were recovered. The swing seat, chain and attachments are located in the Council Chambers. Cllr Crane will locate some thread locking compound and replace the swing.

There were no further items to discuss, and the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:30pm

Signed

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