

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Recreation, Leisure & Environment committee meeting held on 24th April 2017 in the Council office, 22 High Street, Ludgershall at 7-00pm.		
Present:	Cllr Hall in the Chair	Cllr O White
	Cllr Downie	Cllr M Giles
	Cllr J White	Cllr J Hollis
	Cllr M Williams	

	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
110/17	1. <u>Apologies</u> – None. Councillor O White apologized that he would need to leave the meeting early.	
111/17	2. <u>Declaration of Interest</u> – no declarations received.	
112/17	3. <u>Minutes</u> from previous meeting had been circulated and approved at 11 th April 2017 full Town Council meeting.	
113/17	4. <u>Capital Projects</u> – a) Safety surface replacement – awaiting work to begin on the 5 th June 2017.	
114/17	5. <u>Play Areas</u> – <u>Dewey's Lane</u> – a) Shackle pin missing on bay 2 cradle 4 belt seat swing – Cllr M Giles has replaced. b) Sign fitted near vehicle gate is loose in ground –Cllr M Giles has taken a look and the sign is not loose, clerk to inform play park inspector. <u>Pretoria Road</u> – a) Secure mesh of fence, footpath side to posts and monitor split gate post - Cllrs M Giles & J Hollis to look into this and to let clerk know if a works order is required.	Clerk Cllrs M Giles & J Hollis
115/17	6. <u>Recreation Ground</u> a) Ongoing work to repair signs – this is still ongoing.	Cllr M Giles
116/17	7. <u>Environment</u> a) Update on Antisocial behavior – one report of Motorcycle on the Rec churning up grass and leaving tracks – the surface under the roundabout in the rec has been cut away and pulled out, this has been reported to the police, it was cordoned off straight away and immediate repairs requested, repairs have been done – chalk drawings on playground surface at Pretoria	

	<p>Road reported to police and cleaned. b) Parish Steward - update – there will be no steward in May, but there is an open evening for Town and Parish Councils Weds 24th in Devizes no councillors were available to attend. After checking with Highways any work that LTC wish to be carried out needs to be logged on the appropriate sheets not through mywiltshire app –they do check it but this will not guarantee the work will be carried out. The clerk asked councillors to report anything they notice that requires attention for the parish stewards to the office, so she can log correctly. c) Parking on Grass on Castle Street & outside Queens Head – Cllr M Giles has reported that LTC would need around 30 boulders which would be a cost of circa £8000. Cllr M Giles may be able to source free or subsidized rocks from local builders and will look in to this. Cllr M Williams put forward a photo of wooden posts which are in situ in another town with a similar problem of parking on grass. The committee liked the idea and suggestions were to ask for help with making from either 26 regiment or ‘Mens shed’. Cllr O White suggested that if we go with the posts that a mesh is placed at the base to stop strimmer’s from damaging the posts. Cllr M Williams will forward information. Clerk will need to contact Highways agency once LTC decides which solution is best, how many of each and where they will be sited. Parking irregularly outside the Queens Head – clerk is awaiting meeting with Highways to show situ of 2 new planters. Meanwhile the parking is still a problem and Cllr M Williams suggested the clerk write to the Queens Head explaining the problem/complaints and await their reply. d) Community Messaging – Clerk stated we have had none. e) Signage at Deweys Lane/Byron Close- Clerk reported that Highways had given the office permission to move original sign and provide a new one to solve the problem of confusion. They gave the office the exact configuration that the sign will have to be and 2 recommended companies. Clerk showed the committee 2 quotes, only 1 provided templates. The committee queried the numbers on the Deweys Lane sign, clerk & Cllr M Giles will check. Once correct the committee agreed to go with Mirage Signs. Councillor O White left the meeting. f) Levell Court mirrors for drivers/pedestrians – the committee discussed the safety aspects, Cllr J Hollis suggested that for the pedestrians a look left & right could be painted on the floor, clerk to contact Wiltshire Council to see if this can be done. Costs of mirrors range from £62 up to £122 per mirror, there will be 2 needed, the committee asked the clerk to contact the owners (could be Shaftsbury/Aster) of the buildings and ask for a contribution. g) Parking/bins on pavement – committee discussed, parking on the pavement is a police matter but needs to be called through whilst it is happening. Regarding the bins, it was agreed that this is usually due to the bins not being put back properly and homeowners being at work. The committee asked the clerk to write to Wiltshire Council and ask them to speak with their refuse contractors and ask them to put back the bins where they have been left by the home owners. h) 30ft Trees in Rec blocking light of a homeowner in Rawlings court – the committee</p>	<p>All cllrs</p> <p>Cllr M Giles</p> <p>Cllr M Williams</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk & Cllr M Giles</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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	acknowledged that this had been reported in the past. The developer and Wiltshire Council had these put in for landscaping. Unfortunately the situation has not changed there is no legal right to light and the trees themselves are to a good standard and safe according to the latest Tree survey. They asked the clerk to reply to homeowner with this information, but that LTC will inform them if anything different comes out of the next survey.	Clerk
117/17	<p>8. <u>Any Other Business</u> (For information only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr D Downie asked to discuss putting up CCTV in the rec/jubilee gardens, to deter ASB. Youths are still congregating in the play area after the flood light goes out and hiding under the slide area. The caretaker often finds alcohol and drug paraphernalia in the area. The committee discussed worries about the legal implications of use around a playground, Cllr Downie suggested a timer to start after the light goes off. The Committee asked the clerk to add this to the agenda for the next RLE meeting and to do research. • The clerk stated that the missing sign at Fleming Close has now had the posts removed from the ground by youths. She has reported to both Aster Communities and Wiltshire Council as an urgent matter. 	Clerk

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.06pm. The date of the next meeting will be 15th May 2017.

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