

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Recreation Leisure and Environment meeting held on 20th September 2021 held in the Council Chambers, Memorial Hall, Andover Road

Present: Cllr J White – Chair, Cllr O White, C Moore & Cllr J Tinkler

Absent: Cllr M Giles

AGENDA ITEM

023-21/22 1. Apologies – Clerk received apologies from Cllr M Williams. **Cllrs Resolved to accept these apologies and record under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 40.**

024-21/22 2. Declaration of Interest - (All Members of the Town Council are reminded to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests they may have in any business of the Council, its Committees or Sub-Committees, in accordance with the latest approved Code of Conduct). None declared.

026-21/22 3. Minutes of the previous meeting held 19/07/2021, to be ratified. These had been sent out in the agenda pack – Clerk updated the committee, that no quotes have been received from the Skateboard park contractor as yet, and she will send a reminder stating we must receive before the next meeting in October to help with the budget process. There were no other issues and Cllrs RESOLVED to ratify the 19th July 2021 minutes as presented.

027-21/22 4. Update on Anti-social Behaviour – Just the usual reports of empty drug bags from Odd Job Barry, however, there have been some youths breaking branches off trees and throwing them around, PCSO Pippa Brewer is taking lead on trying to engage with the youth of Ludgershall, as per her report at FTC. Committee suggested that PCSO Brewer is notified of this new asb. **Action Clerk.**

028-21/22 5. Play Areas -

- i) **Dewey's Lane – Safety surface under swings** – has been eroded slightly where children put their feet when getting off the swings. SJ Aplin had indicated previously that they can use a type of sealant to lengthen the use of the Wetpour. Clerk to find out the cost of sealant and how long it will last and whether the cost to replace when it is finally needed would be cheaper. The committee also discussed if there were any other surface materials that could be used, that may last longer and cheaper to maintain and even help with LTC's carbon footprint. **Action Clerk & Cllr C Moore**
- ii) **Pretoria Road** – Play area fence any updates. This was started prior to covid and the project has increased due to the need for wheelchair/buggy access to the park. The first indications are that the budget will need to increase by £5000, to cover the fence and entrance. The clerk is waiting on the plans/drawings to then go out to other contractors as per LTC standing orders. **Action Clerk.**

029-21/22 6. Recreation Ground –

- i) Signs Welcome to Rec at Andover Road and Byron Close entrance faded– the committee looked at the photo and discussed. The sign at the Andover Road entrance is so faded that the committee asked the clerk to use the contractor who has recently produced signs for the rec to get a new sign and ensure positioned facing the correct way. The Byron Close one is fine. **Action Clerk.**

- ii) Closing off part of Recreation Ground for dog walking – the committee discussed at length, it was mainly felt that the Rec is a play area for children and football, taking a large area away and fencing off would reduce the space that can be used, and the undesired dog waste could increase. Rather than fence of the area, times were suggested to allow dogs off the lead and perhaps subsidise dog waste bags from the council office. A suggestion was that the Jubilee Gardens could be used as this is already a fenced off area. Clerk will bring up at the Allotments meeting. Further discussion may be needed. **Action Clerk.**
- iii) Small gate opposite Jubilee Gardens, lock needs cutting and new put on - There is a lock on this small gate which a contractor put on and did not give the key to the Town Clerk, this lock needs cutting off and then a numbered lock put on. Cllr N Allingham has volunteered to do this, ensuring full H&S details are followed. The committee were happy with this solution and Cllr O White volunteered to help. **Action Cllrs Allingham & White.**
- iv) Update on picnic benches – email from supplier with apologies for the delay it is booked in for delivery w/c 20th September.

030-21/22 7. Environment

- i) Parking on Mead Road & Woodpark – the committee discussed the problems of some residents parking inconsiderately and ideas of what could help. Cllr Moore stated that some of the residents are getting driveways with drop kerbs which should alleviate the problem. The committee decided not to go further with this issue.
- ii) Cycle paths – put on to next agenda.

031-21/22 8. Restructure of Committees – how can you help each other? – the committee discussed, and suggested that the Memorial Gardens could be brought in to the RLE under Leisure. Clerk to discuss with other committee. **Action Clerk**

032-21/22 9. What 3 words – the Clerk went over how to use the app on the I pads.

033-21/22 10. Budgets - the committee discussed and would like £2,000 to be added to the Play equipment/surfaces maintenance, as they have already used this budget this year, and an extra £5000 towards the fence and entrance to Pretoria Road playpark. **Action Clerk**

034-21/22 11. Agenda Points to be discussed for next month – none.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 20.50hrs. Next meeting will be 18th October 2021 venue and time tbc.

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