

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 19th July 2016
in the Tiffey Rooms Central Hall commencing at 7.30 pm

Present:

Cllrs L Hornby - Chairman
S Wyer
P Stearn
P Broome (substitute for A Osborne)
D Underwood

Also Present

4 Members (s) of the public
Cllrs. Hurn, Flatt & Longhurst.

LE14/16 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN Upon the resolution of Cllr. Broome and seconded by Cllr. Wyer it was resolved to appoint Cllr. L Hornby as Chairman of the Committee.

LE15/16 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN Upon the resolution of Cllr. L Hornby and seconded by Cllr. Broome it was resolved to appoint Cllr. Wyer as Vice Chairman of the Committee

LE16/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr. Osborne.

LE17/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

LE18/16 MINUTES OF MEETING On the proposition of Cllr. Wyer and seconded by Cllr. Stearn it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Leisure and Environment Committee meeting held on 26th April 2016 as a correct record.

LE19/16 PROGRESS UPDATES None.

LE20/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- P Travis – agenda item 6 – No idea of Committees powers and asked if Committee could delay removal of play equipment from King’s Head Meadow as summer holidays were about to begin. When considering re-installation sites Committee should be aware of potential problems with residents.
- M Heard – agenda item 6 – Apart from Rothbury Road are all other sites excluded as per list from previous minutes.
- M Heard – agenda item 7 – Is there a written report. Advised that there was only a verbal report.
- Cllr. Hurn – agenda item 6 – Had no objections to any possible improvements to play equipment at Rothbury Road. Only other central Wymondham site is King’s Head Meadow where equipment should stay. Relocation should progress as soon as possible to minimise storage costs and to remind Committee that Wymondham Town Football Club Ltd had offered potential sites on King’s Head Meadow. Proper consultation must be undertaken.

LE21/16 PLAY EQUIPMENT Cllr. Hornby introduced this item by way of handing out extracts from The Fields In Trust Six Acre Standard guidelines and explained that it was too early to agree a site for the play equipment being removed from King's Head Meadow. It was important that a correct mechanism is put in place and that the guidelines should be followed. He then referred to the different types of categories being LAP, LEAP & NEAP. This fell into the LEAP category and an evidence based scoring system was required which may include the following areas:

- Buffer zone.
- Spatial requirements.
- Accessibility.
- Car parking.
- Safety.
- Cost.

It was necessary to visit all potential sites and it would not necessarily be the highest scoring site that would be recommended but the most optimum site.

Cllr. Underwood expressed concern that the Fields In Trust information had only been handed out at the meeting and asked for the whole document. It was important that outside groups such as Wymondham Access Group were involved and there was a need to look at all sites. He queried what guidelines do South Norfolk Council work under? This matter should be resolved urgently.

After further discussion it was resolved that the Committee would carry out informal site visits on Wednesday 27th July of the following, meeting at 6.30pm in the Central Hall car park.

- King's Head Meadow.
- Rothbury Road.
- Ketts Park.
- Browick Road.
- Spooner Row.
- Bellrope Lane.

Cllr. Underwood requested that it was minuted that he disagreed with Browick Road following professional advice from the police.

LE22/16 KETTS PARK – PLAY AREA – DRAINAGE Cllr. Broome reported that he had met a drainage contractor on site who had undertaken work at Ketts Park previously and a report and recommendation was awaited.

[The meeting closed at 20.20 pm]

DATED this day of2016

SIGNED (Chairman)