

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION & AMENITIES
COMMITTEE HELD 10 MAY 2017**

Councillors Present: Cllr. Margaret Allingham, Cllr. Stephanie Arnold, Cllr. Cliff Morris, Cllr. Derek Pretty, Cllr. Jane Welsh (Chair)

In attendance:

Mrs. Heffer – 31st Itchen North Sea Scouts

R67 Apologies

Cllr. Paul Carnell, Cllr. John Jupe, Cllr. Shankerlal Sthankiya

**R68 Minutes & Matters Arising
Meeting of 12 April 2017**

R61(ii) Amendment to the Carnival dates as submitted by the committee should be 4 July 2017 and not 11 July 2017 as previously submitted. **Noted.**

It was reported that the picnic bench has been cited by the Table Tennis tables at the Recreation Ground.

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

R69 Correspondence Received

- i) The Town Clerk confirmed that he is in receipt of a formal application from Emily Fry (SportWorks Development Officer) for the dates and times for booking the Town Council sites for Park Sport and this includes a request to book Woodhouse Lane for the Skate Jam on 14 August 2017. **Members approved the booking dates request for Park Sport and the Skate Jam at Woodhouse Lane for 14 August 2017;**
- ii) A request received from Barnados to use the Recreation Ground for a project entitled 'ParkRead' on every Saturday in July and August between 6.00pm and 7.00pm for 0 - 10 year olds. It would take the form of a parent volunteer reading bedtime stories and songs to children and their parents in the local park. Families will bring a blanket and a cushion and meet up with friends and listen to a fun story together. It will be a free event and as part of the request, they would wish to erect a gazebo. **Members approved the concept and offered two choices. If Barnados wish to use the Recreation Ground it can only be used in August with no gazebo, alternatively, they can use Dowd's Farm for July and August with no charge;**
- iii) The Town Clerk advised that he has received a request from Josh Gook on whether the Town Council can donate raffle prizes to promote the Open Day for Tennis on 14 May 2017. **Members agreed that Josh Gook can have Sunday 14 May 2017 free of charge but the Town Council could not donate raffle prizes on this occasion.**

R70 Norman Rodaway Pavilion

31st Itchen North Sea Scout Group

To discuss proposals:

- (i) Further storage facility;*
- (ii) WC Facilities;*

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(iii) Open Space enclosure for drying tents

The Chairman reminded members of David Heffer's request for further storage, WC facilities and an open space enclosure for drying tents. The Town Clerk advised members of the history of the use of the Norman Rodaway pavilion in relation to the use of it by the 31st Itchen North Sea Scout Group. He outlined the current situation and the position of the Town Council and suggested other proposals that the scouts should consider. Members agreed to the provision of a container to be located next to the Scout Group meeting room to be equipped with a WC facility and a small kitchen at the discretion of the Scouts but this is to be entirely at the Scouts expense and not the Town Council. It was agreed to arrange a site visit with the Scouts Group to discuss the request for an open space for the drying of tents.

RESOLVED

Members resolved that the 31st Itchen North Sea Scout Group can have a container located next to their meeting room at the Rodaway Pavilion and if they wish to have WC Facilities and a small kitchen within the container, they can do so but this is to be at the expense of the Scouts and not the Town Council.

R71 Allotments

Water Taps – White and Z Plots

The Town Clerk advised members that last weekend that he has engaged Hedge End Mini Digger and Plant Hire to dig a trench and pipes have been laid to supply water to the white and Z plots. All that remains is for the connections to the taps to be completed and spurred and the project complete by end of next week 19 May 2017. **Noted.**

R72 Turnpike Way Play Area

To discuss effective drainage of the existing site

The Town Clerk advised members that Eugene Broderick from Blaze has paid a site visit to the area and is in the process of preparing a quotation. He has outlined his proposal to divert excess water from the recreation ground and drain to an existing storm drain located in the footpath and to raise the land level in the furthest part of the play area. The Town Clerk advised that he is awaiting the detailed quotation. **Members deferred this agenda item to the June Recreation & Amenities Committee meeting.**

R73 Wildern Nature Reserve

To discuss a report re the pond's ecology and the best way that this is achieved through appropriate management techniques, conservation works and dredging.

Members were in possession of the pre-circulated report prepared by Jon Milliken of Aquascience Limited. The advice received is that to maintain the pond as a valuable area for people and wildlife three options have been suggested for further consideration. These are to continue to control crassula

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and seek advice on alternative control options/eradication, manage the tree and scrub growth on the margins to open areas to more sunlight and prevent further encroachment or deepen water by removing silt. The Town Clerk has been advised by Aquascience that any budget allocation for such works should be sufficient to cover the survey and design, ecological survey (if required), application for consents, some tree and vegetation management, construction of revetments, de-silting and berm filling and planting. A site survey will also provide valuable information that will allow for pricing accuracy with more confidence. The potential cost of such works is between £20,000 - £25,000. **Members agreed that this be an agenda item at the June Recreation & Amenities Committee meeting. The Town Clerk was instructed to obtain a formal specification quote from Aquascience Limited for undertaking works and the options suggested at Coltsfoot Pond and request a visual inspection and informal report from John Milliken for Dowd's Farm Lake.**

R74 Greta Park

To discuss the recommendations of the Borough Tree Officer concerning the Red Oak (TPO) at the entrance to the site, with estimate for tree works.

The Town Clerk reported that following the tree inspection report concerning the state of health of the Red Oak situated at Greta Park. A quotation has been received from Shawyers. To crown reduce the tree by 3.0 meters all over and reshape will cost £1,620.00 plus VAT (£1,944.00). To fell the Red Oak and grind stump, back fill and level would cost £3,490.00 plus VAT (£4,188.00). Members considered all the options and resolved to delegate to the Town Clerk to discuss with the Borough Tree Officer as to the exact position and imminence of collapse of the red oak and for the Town Clerk to act accordingly.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk be delegated to discuss the matter of the red oak at Greta Park with the Borough Tree Officer as to the exact position and imminence of collapse and for the Town Clerk to act accordingly.

R75 Pre-School Applications for Turnpike Way Pavilion

The Town Clerk advised that no formal applications have been submitted to date. There have been several expressions of interest and most recently, from Little Drummers Pre-School. No further debate took place.

R76 Diversion of Budgets

Members agreed that the matter of budget allocation is currently being influenced entirely by the prioritisation of works to be undertaken. It was felt important that the flooding issue at Turnpike Way needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency and to reallocate budgets to the pond work at Coltsfoot Pond at the Wildern Nature Reserve.

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**R77 To discuss an application for use of Turnpike Way Grounds for a
Summer Boot Camp**

The Town Clerk advised that no such application has been made to the Town Council and therefore this agenda item was not discussed.

There being no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 20.32 hours.