

FERNDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee** held on Monday 7 October 2019 at 7.00pm at the Barrington Centre, Pennys Walk, Ferndown.

ATTENDANCE LIST

Councillors: Cordery, Flay, Parkes, Miss Stamp, Stickley.

Officers: Mrs Tina Dudley (Acting Town Clerk), Miss Susan Denton (Notetaker)

177 Election of Chairman

Cllr Cordery was PROPOSED by Cllr Flay and SECONDED by Cllr Miss Stamp.

Resolved that Cllr Cordery be elected as Chairman of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee.

178 Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Parkes was PROPOSED by Cllr Miss Stamp and SECONDED by Cllr Stickley.

Resolved that Cllr Parkes be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee.

179 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence was received from Councillors Fleetham and Wellstead due to work commitments.

180 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

181 Public Participation

Seven members of the public attended to discuss Sunnyhill Church's use of the Barrington Centre. They were informed this was not on the Agenda and would be discussed at the meeting of the Barrington Centre Management Committee on 16 October 2019. The seven members of the public left the meeting.

182 Minutes

Following consideration of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 August 2019 it was PROPOSED by Cllr Parkes, SECONDED by Cllr Miss Stamp and unanimously-

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Recreation Leisure and Amenities Committee held on 19 August 2019.

183 Minutes of Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee Working Parties

Traffic Working Party

Members noted that the issue of parking in the town had been discussed and advised that this should remain high on the agenda, particularly in view of town centre regeneration.

Members noted the minutes of the Traffic Working Party held on 9 September 2019.

184 Terms of Reference – Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee

Members considered the Terms of Reference.

‘To consider any burial issues’ should be amended to:

‘Cemeteries and burial grounds’

‘Partnership working with local economies and the BID (Business Improvement District)’ should be amended to:

‘Partnership working with local economies, including the Chamber of Commerce and the BID (Business Improvement District)’

It was agreed that this Committee should have a forward plan to include:

- Ford Lane, specifically use of the football pitch, changing rooms, dirt (jump) track and play areas.
- Dugdell Play area
- Youth Centre – sustainability and utilisation
- Lengthsman – setting priorities
- Footpaths and cycleways – it was noted that Dorset Council have a local cycling and walking plan for Ferndown
- Bus shelters, noticeboards, seating, bins and recycling

The forward plan should be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

With the above amendments, it was PROPOSED by Cllr Parkes, SECONDED by Cllr Miss Stamp.

Resolved to agree the Terms of Reference for the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee.

185 Public Seating in Victoria Road

The Town Council had been approached by Dorset Council to ask if they would take responsibility for the public seating on Victoria Road. It was unanimously agreed

that the Clerk should inform Dorset Council that the Town Council does not wish to take this on.

186 Bus Stop Ameysford Road

The Clerk reported that there was a broken window pane at the bus stop on Ameysford Road. Members queried the location of the bus stop. Cllr Cordery offered to visit the area to confirm the location and the Clerk will ask the Lengthsman to check. If a new pane is needed Members agreed that alternatives to glass should be considered. It was unanimously agreed to place this on the Agenda for the next meeting. .

187 Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Budget 2020/2021

It was agreed that an Extraordinary Meeting be called to enable the budget and forward plan to be considered together. The Clerk will contact Members to arrange this.

PART II – PRIVATE SESSION

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Miss Stamp, SECONDED by Cllr Parkes that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business pursuant to Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

188 Youth Services

The Clerk informed Members that it was proving difficult to recruit and retain Youth Workers. The worker for the 16 hour post had left and posts have been advertised. There is now only the Youth Worker-in-Charge. The possibility of temporary help from Colehill and West Moors Youth Centres is being considered. A previous Youth Worker has offered to work hours in lieu of an overpayment of salary. Members did not want to see closure of the Youth Centre and supported all efforts to get temporary and long-term help.

Open session.

189 Correspondence

The Clerk informed Members that a letter had been received from a young person with concerns about the lack of 'big swings' at Dugdell play area. These had been removed when the MUGA was installed. The Clerk informed members that an area of the play park is still cordoned off, awaiting another quote. Members requested that the Clerk writes to the young person advising that the Council is looking into this.

190 Date of the next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee was scheduled to be held on 18 November 2019 in The Barrington Centre, Pennys Walk, Ferndown.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Chairman