



Wimborne Minster Town Council

Town Hall, 37 West Borough, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 1LT

Minutes of the Recreation, Leisure and Building Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 17 October 2023 at 7pm** in the Committee Room at Wimborne Minster Town Hall, 37 West Borough, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 1LT.

Present: Councillors: S Bartlett (Chairman), C. Chedgy, D March (Town Mayor), B Richmond, A Roberts (Vice Chair), and S. Wheeler (Deputy Town Mayor).
Members of the public: Nil.
Officer: KR Brooks (Deputy Town Clerk).

RLB/2023/029	Apologies for absence Apologies was received from J. Hart (non-business), and Cllr Hinks (non-business) Cllr Chedgy proposed to accept apologies, seconded by Cllr Wheeler, all in favour. Resolved: apologies for absence were accepted.
RLB/2023/030	Declarations of interest and dispensations Cllr Bartlett declared a non-pecuniary interest (Dorset Council Councillor).
RLB/2023/031	Public participation None.
RLB/2023/032	Minutes of the Committee 19 September 2023 Cllr Richmond proposed that the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure and Buildings Committee meeting held on the 19 September 2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Richmond, five in favour and one abstention. Resolved: that the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure and Buildings Committee meeting held on the 19 September 2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman.
RLB/2023/033	Matters reported from the Deputy Town Clerk in relation to actions from previous meetings The Deputy Town Clerk updated the Committee regarding the hedge along Victoria Road bordering Redcotts Recreation ground and that the grounds staff were unable to cut and trim it due to its height. Cllr Bartlett informed the Committee that he would investigate the possibility of Dorset Council assisting in cutting the hedge on behalf of the Town Council. The Deputy Town Clerk updated the Committee on the ongoing plans for the Jubilee Garden at the Town Hall which were discussed. The Deputy Clerk confirmed a local volunteer with specialist experience and knowledge of physick gardens was willing to attend and provide a presentation to Full Council on the plans going forward for the management of the Garden. Cllr March proposed the Jubilee Garden was to remain a physick garden, seconded by Cllr Roberts, all in favour.

	Resolved: The Jubilee Garden was to remain a physick garden.
RLB/2023/034	<p>Correspondence for consideration and/or meetings relevant to the Committee's Terms of Reference</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk informed the Committee that Dorset Council had provided ten new bins to the town to replace existing old bins. The Chairman enquired about the locations for replacing and fitting requirements and requested that the Deputy Town Clerk report back to the Committee with this information and the item was deferred.</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk updated the Committee about the poor condition of the two notice boards at the Library and Park Lane corner. The Chairman requested the Deputy Town Clerk explore the possibility of repairing the boards and report back to the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee was updated by the Deputy Town Clerk on the Freedom of Information (FOI) request regarding the felled diseased tree at Redcotts Recreation Ground and Cllr Wheeler proposed the following response: "Wimborne Minster Town Council has established working groups and closely collaborates with Dorset Council through the Environment and Planning Committee to ensure that trees are considered a vital part of our town's infrastructure. We understand the significant ecological, aesthetic, and environmental benefits that trees bring, especially in the face of climate change." Seconded by Cllr Chedgy, all in favour.</p> <p>Resolved: The response to the Freedom of Information request was "Wimborne Minster Town Council has established working groups and closely collaborates with Dorset Council through the Environment and Planning Committee to ensure that trees are considered a vital part of our town's infrastructure. We understand the significant ecological, aesthetic, and environmental benefits that trees bring, especially in the face of climate change."</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk discussed the option if installing a folding bollard behind the gate at the Victoria Road entrance at Redcotts Recreation Ground to enhance security. Cllr Wheeler proposed the Deputy Town Clerk was to obtain quotations for a folding bollard to be placed at Redcotts Recreation Ground, seconded by Cllr Richmond, all in favour.</p> <p>Resolved: Deputy Town Clerk was to obtain three quotes for a folding bollard at Redcotts Recreation Ground to improve security.</p> <p>The Chairman discussed the need to replace the children's swing seat at the toddlers play area at Leigh Community Centre due to wear and tear and weathering. Cllr Chedgy proposed the Deputy Town Clerk was to obtain quotes for a replacement children's swing seat at Leigh toddlers play area, seconded by Cllr Richmond, all in favour.</p> <p>Resolved: The Deputy Town Clerk was to obtain quotes for a replacement children's swing seat at Leigh toddlers play area.</p>
RLB/2023/035	<p>Committee budget review 2024 to review the budget for 2024/25 and consider a review of relevant hire charges</p> <p>The Chairman proposed that due to time constraints the item should be deferred to an Extraordinary meeting, seconded by Cllr Chedgy, all in favour.</p>

	Resolved: the budget review was to be deferred for an Extraordinary meeting.
RLB/2023/036	Wimborne Bowls Club proposed extension Cllr Bartlett stated, as a member of the Dorset Council Eastern Planning Committee, he would not comment or vote on this item. The Committee discussed the proposed extension. Cllr Chedgy proposed to agree in principle to the extension plans, subject to clause 15 of the lease, payment of the work and the issue of the Fields in Trust were addressed, seconded by Cllr Wheeler, all in favour. Resolved: The Committee agreed in principle to the extension plans, subject to clause 15 of the lease, payment of the work and the issue of the Fields in Trust were addressed.
RLB/2023/037	Queen's Green Canopy and Tree Trail The Deputy Town Clerk updated the Committee on the ongoing replacement tree, outstanding plaques and tree guards. Cllr Richmond volunteered to assist in the planting of the replacement Styrax tree with grounds staff.
RLB/2023/038	Cllr Chedgy proposed to suspend standing orders (meeting over 2 hours), seconded by Cllr Wheeler, all in favour. Resolved: Standing Orders were suspended (meeting over 2 hours).
RLB/2023/039	Draft Wimborne Minster Town Council Biodiversity Statement The Committee discussed the statement, and it was agreed the Deputy Town Clerk would make some amendments and bring back to the next meeting.
RLB/2023/040	Date of next meeting and close of meeting The Chairman confirmed the date of the next meeting as 21 November 2023 and closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Signature of Chairman:

Date: