



DRAFT Minutes of the **Recreation, Leisure and Building Committee** meeting held on **Tuesday 18 February 2025** at 7.00 pm in the Committee Room, Wimborne Minster Town Hall, 37 West Borough, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 1LT.

Present:

Councillors: S Bartlett (Chairman of the Committee), J Billington, C Brown, B Richmond and A Roberts, (Vice Chairman)

Officers: KR Brooks (Deputy Town Clerk) and J Newcombe (Dorset Council)

Members of the public: none.

RLB/2024/039 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Hart and Councillor Wheeler (both non-business). Councillor Roberts proposed to approve apologies, seconded by Councillor Billington, all in favour. **Resolved**

RLB/2024/040 Declarations of interest and dispensations

Councillor Bartlett (Dorset Council Ward Councillor) and Councillor Brown (member of Wimborne Militia and the Town Crier).

RLB/2024/041 Public participation

None.

RLB/2024/042 Minutes of the Committee meeting on 21 January 2025

Councillor Roberts proposed the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure and Building Committee meeting held on the 21 January 2025 be agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Billington, all in favour. **Resolved**

RLB/2024/043 Strategic Plan Review Update

The Deputy Town Clerk updated the Committee stating this would be a regular item on the agenda for discussion.

RLB/2024/044 Councillor's inspection of sites

The inspection report was noted. The Deputy Town Clerk updated the Committee on recent anti-social behaviour related damage to the toilets at Redcotts Recreation Ground and the resulting expense incurred to undertake repairs.

The Deputy Town Clerk informed the Committee quotes were being obtained for repairs to the 'donut' play mound at Redcotts Recreation Ground and would present them at the next Committee meeting. Councillor Roberts informed the Committee the allotments on Parmiter Road were generally in good condition and plans were in place to investigate the fitting of an additional water butt.

RLB/2024/045 Matters in relation to actions from previous meetings

The Deputy Town Clerk updated on the ongoing work at the Jubilee/Physik Garden and confirmed volunteers had been identified to assist in the maintenance and upkeep of the garden and work would shortly begin.

The Committee discussed the idea of placing roadside flower planters at the town's entrances and agreed it was a good initiative. The Deputy Town Clerk was tasked with reporting back to the Committee on suitable planter types and plans for their watering and maintenance.

Councillor Billington proposed accepting quote 1 at a cost of £180.00 to purchase four swift boxes for installation on the Town Hall, subject to planning permission, seconded by Councillor Richmond, all in favour. **Resolved**

Councillor Richmond proposed accepting quote 1 at a cost of £255.00 to hire a cherry picker machine to install the swift boxes, seconded by Councillor Billington, all in favour. **Resolved**

RLB/2024/046 Review of Wimborne Minster Town Council's allotment fees

The Committee reviewed allotment fees in comparison with surrounding councils and agreed the Town Council's current fees were adequate and sufficient, with no requirement for any changes.

RLB/2024/047 CCTV

The Committee received a presentation from J Newcombe of Dorset Council regarding a proposed amalgamation of the Town Council's CCTV into Dorset Council's CCTV systems which was centrally operated from a 24/7 control room in Dorchester and would work alongside the town's existing CCTV operations. The proposal outlined several benefits, including enhanced evidence gathering and prosecution capabilities, faster emergency response times through real-time incident alerts, and improved monitoring and management of traffic and public spaces. Councillor Billington requested a non-committed trial period, to be referred to Full Council for decision, seconded by Councillor Richmond, all in favour. **Resolved**

RLB/2024/048 Request for additional CCTV in the Town

The Deputy Town Clerk informed the Committee of requests for additional CCTV coverage in the town, including Redcotts Recreation Ground, Crown Mead, and the underpass on Hanham Road. Councillor Billington proposed a feasibility assessment and quotes for installation be provided, seconded by Councillor Brown, all in favour. **Resolved**

RLB/2024/049 New Waste Collection Regulations

The Committee noted the new legislation on Simpler Recycling in England and its impact on the Town Council's recycling procedures.

RLB/2024/050 Lease reviews

This item was deferred.

RLB/2024/051 Rent valuations

This item was deferred.

RLB/2024/052 Correspondence

The Deputy Town Clerk updated the Committee on Dorset Council's responsibilities regarding the uneven footpath E2/12 between Redcotts Recreation Ground and the Scout Hut. Dorset Council had a limited budget to repair paths in the county, and members of the public were advised to report any issues on the Dorset Council website.

The Committee noted the Grounds Management Plan 2025.

| RLB/2024/053 | Next meeting and close of meeting |
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The next Committee meeting date (22 April 2025) was noted, and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.

Signature of Chairman:

Date: