

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday 13 July 2011**

Present Councillor M Jackson (Chairman)
Councillors Mrs J Collier, C Fuller, C Riley, M Simpkins and R Taylor

In Attendance Mrs N Chruszcz (Community & Information Officer)
Mrs M Jones (Administrative Officer)
M Leighton-Fry (Groundsman)
D Martin (Town Clerk)

LEI 09/11 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Ms L Bray, C Lynch and Mrs P Witts.

LEI 10/11 Public Question Time and Petitions

There were none.

LEI 11/11 Declarations of Interest

To receive any Declaration(s) of Interest under the Local Authority (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 issued under SI No. 1159 including paragraph 12(2).

There were none.

LEI 12/11 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 May 2011

There were none.

LEI 13/11 Reports from Council representatives appointed to outside bodies

There were no reports.

LEI 14/11 Corporate Plan Objectives (*Minute LEI 06/11*)

The Corporate Plan Objectives sheets for Facilities for Young People, Katherine Park and Leisure Centre were reviewed and noted. The Town Clerk reported that an application had been made to transfer the freehold of a number of assets to the Town Council. These were primarily play areas and allotments already maintained by the Town Council.

LEI 15/11 Christmas Lights Switch-on and Displays (*Minute LEI 39/10*)

Further to Committee meeting on 12 January when possible improvements to the Christmas Lights displays were discussed, the Community and Information Officer had explored possible improvements to the Christmas Lights displays for 2011. Two sections of lights had failed and would need to be replaced. It was agreed that the priority should be the pedestrianised section of the High Street. Meetings had taken place with Christmas Lights suppliers and proposals had been put forward for consideration.

The Community and Information Officer gave a presentation on the three quotes received. The town centre had split into four phases to be renewed over a period of three years. Phase One was the pedestrianised area of the High Street and would include new lights for the Wishing Tree, a ceiling of lights along the pedestrianised area. If possible it would also include a curtain of lights at the windows of the Town Hall and a light display over the balcony.

Resolved

That Phase One of the new lights scheme be implemented.

LEI 16/11 Annual Site Visits

Further to the site visits on 6 June and 4 July it was reported that most of the items identified had been addressed. However, it was reported that litter at Springfield Recreation Ground was an increasing concern. Discussions took place as to how this could be rectified. Suggestions included: highlighting the amount of litter collected and how much it costs to litter pick in the next newsletter; involving the Youth Council in a litter picking campaign; and checking whether the Police could carry out any enforcement. It was also agreed to investigate the cost of additional litter collection at weekends throughout the year.

Resolved

To investigate the cost of extra litter picking at weekends at Springfield Recreation Ground, for consideration at a future meeting.

LEI 17/11 Children's Play Area Improvements

Further to previous meetings, the Play Area Capital Programme for 2010/11 was completed successfully apart from installing an additional pedestrian gate at Coppershell Play Area. This was deferred because the whole fence was due to be replaced soon. Revisions to the previously discussed play area improvement programme were discussed due to changes in circumstances. It was recommended that the next priorities should be Coppershell and Westwells Play Areas. There were opportunities of obtaining grants for both schemes.

Resolved

That the Play Area Improvement Programme for 2011/12 focuses on improvements to Coppershell and Westwells Play Areas.

LE18/11 Bunting for High Street

It was reported that since responsibility for the bunting used in the High Street was transferred from Corsham Twinning Association to the Town Council the cost of erecting and removing it has been split between the Town Council, Corsham Twinning Association and The Pound Arts Centre - depending on what events took place. This generated around £80 per year in income, less any costs involved. In the past two years the Town Council had kept the bunting in place for much longer than previously due to Armed Forces Day and Corsham in Bloom. This had proved popular with residents and visitors. It was felt that it would be worthwhile continuing this in future years and leaving the bunting up during June and July, and not charging the other groups whilst it is in use. This would reduce administration slightly, and as the other two organisations usually received funding support from the Town Council, it will have minimal impact on the budget.

Resolved

That the bunting be used through the summer, with the costs being met by the Town Council.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and closed at 8.44pm. There were no members of the public present.

CHAIRMAN

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