

Minutes of the meeting of the Sport & Leisure Committee held in The Sportsman Meeting Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield AL10 0AN on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillor P. Knott – Chairman  
Councillor F. Bowron  
Councillor L. Brandon  
Councillor J. Nelson  
Councillor G Wiltshire (substitute for Cllr Holman)

OFFICERS: C. A. Lloyd (Town Clerk)  
S. Frake (Head of Operations)

40. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from and, (ill health), and Councillor H. Ciarleglio (family bereavement), Councillor J. Fitzpatrick (work) and Councillor L. Mendez (ill health).

41. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public.

42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

43. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

44. FEES AND CHARGES 2019/20

Members noted the report. RESOLVED that the price increases be agreed and function hall hire be increased by a further £10.

(Action: Town Clerk/Head of Operations)

45. DRAFT BUDGET 2019/20

Members agreed to discuss this item in Part 2 of the agenda to facilitate frank and open discussion.

46. ACACIS STREET PLAY AREA PLANS

Members considered the proposed upgrade to the play area. Concern was expressed at the extra work involved in maintaining a maze.

RESOLVED that Groundwork be requested to draw up the plan in 2 stages, the first stage being the upgrade to the play area and the second stage being the landscaping works.

(Action: Town Clerk)

47. SPORTSMAN FLOORING

Members considered the request to renew the flooring in the Sportsman Room RESOLVED that the Head of Operations be delegated authority following consultation with the Leader of the Council to replace the flooring in the Sportsman Room up to a maximum of £5,000.

(Action: Head of Operations and Leader of the Council)

48. UPDATES ON TOWN COUNCIL SITES

Lemsford Hall planning application had been decided. Quotes were awaited from 3 architects to prepare the tender documents.

Discussions had been held regarding the pre-app for deHavilland Grange, there had been positive and negative feedback.

Drawings were being worked on for Birchwood.

Newgate Street mounds had been well received by the young people.

49. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Noted that the next meeting would be on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm.

50. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business;

- (i) Property Matters – Scouts' emails
- (ii) Financial Matters – Budget

51. PROPERTY MATTERS

Members considered the emails received from Hatfield Scouts. It was regretted that they had been suffering from fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour. Members were keen to see a gate fitted across the Council driveway that would assist both the Council and the Scouts. With regards to the fence the Clerk was requested to look into the matter further.

It was noted that they were interested in the deHavilland site as a potential site for new an Air Scouts Hut, however, as the Council had already held pre-

app discussions with Planners they were not willing to consider site sharing unless the Scouts had their own funding for their hut.

RESOLVED that the preamble to this minute be conveyed to the Scouts.

52. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members RESOLVED that consideration of the full budget be considered at Resources and Policy Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019.

Closure: 9.40pm

Chairman