

AMENITIES & LEISURE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities & Leisure Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Council Offices, Radstock Lane, Earley, Reading on Wednesday 23rd May 2018 which commenced at 7.45pm

Present

Chairman - Councillor Mrs L Chambers

Councillors Miss L Blumenthal, A Bradley, Dr N Brock, T Chambers, D Chopping, Mrs M De Jong, Ms P Dunn, Mrs S Matthews, B Wedge

In attendance Councillor Miss J Rance JP

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2018 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor Miss L Blumenthal be appointed Vice Chairman of the Amenities & Leisure Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

3. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING PARTIES

Consideration was given to the appointment of Sub-Committees and Working Parties for the ensuing year.

Accordingly it was

RESOLVED that the following be appointed :

Culver Lane Allotment Working Party – The Mayor (Councillor B Wedge) together with Councillors Dr N Brock, Ms P Dunn, Mrs M De Jong, Ms J Rance, together with a co-opted member nominated by the Horticultural Society

Local Nature Reserve Advisory Group – Councillors Dr N Brock, Mrs L Chambers, Ms M C De Jong and Miss J Rance (4)

Mays Lane Cemetery Working Party – Councillors M Ahmed, A T Bradley, D D Chopping, Ms P Dunn and M J Firmager.

Christmas Celebration Working Party – Councillor Miss J Rance, A Bradley, R Houlbrook and B Wedge

4. CULVER LANE ALLOTMENTS

4.1 Allotment Working Party

Councillors considered the notes of the meeting of the Allotment Working Party held on 3rd April 2018, previously attached to the agenda and it was

RESOLVED that following the amalgamation of the Earley Allotment Association and the Huntley & Palmer Horticultural Society to form the Huntley & Palmer Allotment Association, one reference in the notes be changed to reflect this.

5. CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

- 5.1 The Notes of a Meeting of the Christmas Celebrations Working Party held on 8th May 2018 were previously circulated and the contents were noted by Members.

6. COMMUNITY & YOUTH CENTRES

6.1 Radstock Community Centre

In view of the subject matter to be discussed, Councillors were requested to consider this item as confidential business.

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of this item.

7. FINANCIAL REVIEW

7.1 Sol Joel Park

The Committee were reminded that this item formed part of the ongoing review of amenities as previously agreed by the Committee.

Members were further advised that the Town Council managed the Park under a Lease arrangement from Reading Borough Council. The Lease was signed in 2001 and the facilities comprised of a children's play area, multi-sports areas, a skateboard facility and a large field which could be used for football and cricket. There was also a Pavilion on the site.

The income and expenditure for the Park is as follows:

<i>Expenditure</i>	Est 16/17	Act to 31/03	Est 17/18	Actual 31/03/18
	£	£	£	£
Maintenance	11,000.00	12,269.15	11,000.00	10,783.44
Wages	54,288.00	32,456.85	54,500.00	54,699.55
Training	920.00	818.00	1,000.00	0.00
Clinical waste disposal	1,500.00	1,229.42	1,500.00	850.00
Water rates	765.00	453.82	775.00	759.91
Electricity Costs	3,000.00	2,740.89	3,025.00	3,647.98
Supplies	2,500.00	4,690.09	4,625.00	2,832.57
Repairs	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Staff Mobiles	260.00	255.01	275.00	0.00
Telephone	410.00	698.12	525.00	536.60
Signage	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
Bark/safety surface	1,200.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
tree/hedge planting	500.00	186.12	500.00	0.00
Play Equip. Maint.	1,500.00	8,678.12	1,500.00	160.00
TOTAL:	78,443.00	64,575.59	80,825.00	74,270.05

<i>Income</i>	Est 16/17	Act to 31/03	Est 17/18	Actual 31/03/18
	£	£	£	£
Sol Joel Park fees	10,100.00	10,532.04	9,900.00	11,556.51
Sol Joel Park C/tracts	4,000.00	2,316.50	3,675.00	2,155.50
Sol Joel Park Insce Claim	0.00	7,887.00	0.00	0.00
Sol Joel Park Resale Inc.	0.00	0.00	90.00	0.00
SJP School C'tract	4,370.00	4,370.00	4,370.00	4,370.00
SJP - Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	45,068.00
TOTAL:	18,470.00	25,105.54	18,035.00	63,150.01

<i>Capital</i>	Est 16/17	Act to 31/03	Est 17/18	Actual 31/03/18
	£	£	£	£
SJP - CCTV new Installation	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	11,034.11
SJ Imprvmnts Fees	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
SJ further development	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	0.00
SJ Replacement Equipment	0.00	0.00	8,500.00	0.00
SJP Youth Play Area	0.00	0.00	0.00	42,890.22
TOTAL:	14,500.00	0.00	33,000.00	53,924.33

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk hold a meeting with Councillors D Chopping and T Chambers with regard to increasing car parking provision at the park.

8. PUBLICATIONS

The Committee noted that the following items had been received and was available for viewing in the Council Chamber.

Institute of Cemetery & Crematoria Management:	The Journal: Spring Issue 2018.
NAMM	News Bulletins February 2018, March 2018, April 2018

9. PRESS RELEASES

RESOLVED that that the appointment of Councillor Miss L Blumenthal as the new Vice Chairman of the Amenities & Leisure Committee should receive special press attention:

10. TERMINATION OF MEETING

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 8.34pm