

OPEN SESSION:

There was one member of the public present.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Held on 4th February 2009 at 7.00pm

Apologies

The Town Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Cole, Cllr Ford and Maisie Jenkinson, Student Advisor.

Declarations of Interest

OS/5057 DANNY CRACKNELL PARK - Cllr O'Reilly declared a personal interest in this item, as she lives close to the site in question.

OS/5062 LAND ADJACENT TO THE MILLSTREAM - Cllr Chard declared a personal interest in this item as he is a member of the Social Club. Cllr O'Reilly declared a personal interest in this item as she lives close by.

PRESENT: Cllr N J Chard (Chairman)
Cllr P Chambers (Vice Chairman)
Cllr G J O'Reilly
Cllr B H Terry
Cllr M J Urwin
Cllr A C Wiseman

IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Simpson, Town Clerk
Richard Eldred, Technical Officer
Claire Perrens, Meetings Administrator

OS/5055 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2009, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

OS/5056 LEGIONNAIRE'S DISEASE – HEALTH & SAFETY AT CARVERS

The Technical Officer presented a report (*attached as Annex 'A'*) on action taken and further proposals to safeguard users of showers proposed for Carvers Sports Pavilion. He stressed the serious nature of Legionnaire's Disease, which is similar to Pneumonia, and can prove fatal. There has recently been another outbreak reported in the media, so it is a topical issue. The measures being taken will ensure that all water used for showers at the Sports Pavilion will be from mains, and stored water will be heated to more than 60 degrees centigrade to eliminate any bacteria. Members felt it was important for the report, and the measures which need to be taken, to be made public.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the action taken by the Technical Officer (*see Annex 'A'*) and proposals for safeguarding the future users of the Pavilion facilities be approved; and
- 2) That a press release on the threat of Legionnaire's Disease, and the Town Council's actions and proposals to meet its legal obligations, be issued.

ACTION 1) Richard Eldred 2) Terry Simpson
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**OS/5057
DANNY CRACKNELL PARK**

Cllr O'Reilly declared a personal interest in this item, as she lives close to the site in question.

The Town Clerk reported on a meeting held with the landscape architect, which has led to progress with this project to create a park with river views within easy walk of the town centre. A grant is expected from 'Living River Project' and hopefully work will commence in autumn/winter 2009 (delayed to avoid disturbing nesting birds).

Although personally supporting the new name of 'Danny Cracknell Park', Cllr O'Reilly was concerned about changing the name 'Pocket Park', as some residents wished it to remain the same. The Town Clerk stated that the decision had already been made public, and that the area had only been known as 'Pocket Park' relatively recently. Once the project was finished, further publicity would be given to the reasons for the change. The late Danny Cracknell grew up very close to this area and naming the park for him is in recognition of his long-term contribution and service to Ringwood.

Members considered a proposal to erect a temporary sign at Pocket Park and the adjoining part of the Bickerley as "Site for 'Danny Cracknell Park' – Enhancement Scheme to commence late 2009". Cllr Wiseman suggested that it would be cost effective to immediately put in place a permanent sign naming the new 'Danny Cracknell Park' instead of a temporary sign.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Town Clerk's report be noted; and
- 2) That a permanent sign be erected to replace the name 'Pocket Park' with 'Danny Cracknell Park'.

ACTION Terry Simpson

**OS/5058
RINGWOOD IN BLOOM**

The Town Clerk proposed that as 'Ringwood In Bloom' no longer exists, references to it should be removed from the Town's planters. As Ringwood Carnival sponsors some of the costs of the planters, this should continue to be displayed. Members agreed the planters should also be marked with Ringwood Town Council and the crest. The cost was not expected to be high and funds were available from existing budget.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That references to 'Ringwood In Bloom' be removed from the Town's planters; and
- 2) That 'Ringwood Carnival' be included on two sides of planters
- 3) That 'Ringwood Town Council' and the crest be included on two sides of planters.

ACTION Terry Simpson

**OS/5059
POULNER BAPTIST CHAPEL**

Members considered an application which had been made by Poulner Baptist Chapel for a large grant from the Developers' Contributions Funds held by New Forest District Council for Ringwood. Although the application was made in September 2008, the Town Council had not been informed until recently. No detailed information about the proposals had been provided.

RESOLVED: That a decision on the application by Poulner Baptist Chapel for a grant from Developers' Contributions Funds be deferred pending further information.

ACTION Terry Simpson

**OS/5060
TRANSFER OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE**

The Town Clerk reported that the transfer of ownership of the land at former Station Yard, Ringwood, to the Town Council, was close to completion. However, ownership of a small part of the land remained in question.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council's solicitors be instructed to apply for 'adverse possession' to ensure full ownership of the land at former Station Yard, Ringwood.

ACTION Terry Simpson

**OS/5061
EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS**

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw (*Annex 'B' attached*).

**OS/5062
LAND ADJACENT TO THE MILLSTREAM**

Cllr Chard declared a personal interest in this item as he is a member of the Social Club.

Cllr O'Reilly declared a personal interest in this item as she lives close by.

The Town Clerk reported on negotiations to acquire land adjacent to the Millstream from Ringwood Social Club.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk's report be noted.

ACTION Terry Simpson

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm.

Note: The text in the Action Boxes above does not form part of these minutes.

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Held on 4th February 2009 at 7.00pm

RECEIVED & ADOPTED
25th February 2009

TOWN MAYOR

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN