

RECREATION AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE
24 FEBRUARY 2009

Present: Chairman: Councillor Parsons
The Town Mayor: Councillor Mrs Burton

Councillors: Beinhorn Callow Mrs S Evans
 Leighton C S Winchcombe

Officers: Simon Fisher – Deputy Town Clerk
 Heather Bond

Members of the Public: One

510. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20 January 2009 having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

511. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Gudgeon and A R Taylor.

512. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Burton declared a personnel interest in minute number 520; she did not leave the Council Chamber.

513. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public present, Mr Albert Wooldridge.

514. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – VENUES INCOME FIGURES

The committee received and noted the report.

515. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – VENUES – CUSTOMER SATISFACTION FEEDBACK

The committee received and noted the report, members were pleased with continued level of feedback.

516. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – TREE REMOVAL ON THE GREEN

The committee received and noted the report, however it was requested that having a guard placed around them protects any young trees that are planted.

517. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – TREE WARDEN SCHEME

The committee received and noted the report and fully supported the scheme.

518. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – CRAMMER WALL

The committee received and noted the report and asked if the Crammer would be emptied during the works, the Deputy Town Clerk replied that there is no intention to empty the Crammer and that the contractors will use a dam to enable the works to be carried out and that Mark Lovell Associates would be overseeing the works.

519. REPORT FOR DECISION – VENUES BAR FRANCHISE

It was proposed by Councillor C S Winchcombe, seconded by Councillor Mrs Burton and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT Councillor Leighton would work with officers to select a new bar franchisee.

520. REPORT FOR DECISION – FRIENDS OF HILLWORTH PARK: FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR EVENTS

It was proposed by Councillor Leighton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Evans and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT a budget of £2000 is set aside, from reserves, from which the Friends of Hillworth Park can draw down funding for events on the basis of the production of invoices or receipts for the financial year 2009/2010.

521. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Mrs Burton asked that a future agenda item could be placed for more seating at the play area on the Green?

Councillor Mrs Burton asked how older children could be discouraged from using the younger children's area on the Green and whether this could be brought onto an agenda for a future meeting.

Councillors Mrs Burton asked if Councillors were aware of the condition of the fountain. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that there had been some vandalism and that some repointing work was required as a result. He also advised that Minerva Stone (the original contractor) had been asked to attend to look at the larger stones on the top of the fountain to judge what future works were required.

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Councillor Mrs Evans asked for works to be carried out to potholes on the pathway from Nursted Road to the school, across the Green. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that he would ask someone to attend.

Councillor C S Winchcombe asked if Councillors were aware of mole damage on the Green. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that officers would investigate. Councillor C S Winchcombe went on to ask how the Town Council would be protected should someone damage themselves stepping in one of the holes. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the Town Council had adequate insurance should this situation arise.

522. PROCEDURE: CONFIDENTIALITY OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

It was proposed by Councillor Leighton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Burton and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED

THAT In view of the confidential nature of the remaining exempt items of business to be considered, this is dealt with In Committee in the absence of the press and members of the public.