

RECREATION AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

31 MARCH 2009

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

Councillors: Mrs S Evans Leighton Smith
 A R Taylor C S Winchcombe

Officers: Simon Fisher – Deputy Town Clerk
 Richard Hopkins

Members of the Public: Six

576. MINUTES

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

577. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Beinhorn, Callow and Gudgeon.

578. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

579. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were six members of the public present.

580. REPORT FOR DECISION – OLDER CHILDREN USING EQUIPMENT IN NEW PLAY AREA

After much debate about the issues affecting the play area on the Green, Mrs Hussey was invited to speak to the committee and advised of issues of providing facilities for older children.

It was proposed by Councillor Winchcombe, seconded by Councillor Parsons and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT

- the Police are contacted regarding anti-social behaviour and litter on the Green.
- Additional signage is sort (wording to be agreed between officers and the Chairman)
- Contact head teacher from Devizes School to discuss issued raised.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Hussey and the children's attendance.

581. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – VENUES INCOME FIGURES

The committee received and noted the report.

582. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – VENUES – CUSTOMER SATISFACTION FEEDBACK

The committee received and noted the report.

583. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – VENUES OCCUPANCY

The committee received and noted the report.

584. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – BAR FRANCHISE

There had only been two applications received and after consultation between Councillor Leighton and officers it had been decided that only one applicant would be interviewed and that a report would be brought to the next meeting of this committee.

The report was received and noted.

585. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – LITTER ON THE GREEN

The committee received and noted the report.

586. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – LIGHTING ON THE GREEN

The committee received and noted the report.

587. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – CRAMMER WALL

The committee received and noted the report.

588. REPORT FOR DECISION – MARKET PLACE BUS SHELTER

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

THAT the bus shelter in the Market Place will be replaced with a similar one and the costs will come from general reserves.

589. REPORT FOR DECISION – ADDITIONAL SEATING AT THE PLAY AREA ON THE GREEN

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

THAT one more bench is placed outside the play area on the Green, position to be agreed with Councillor Parsons. This seating will be removed at the end of the summer.

590. REPORT FOR DECISION – HILLWORTH PARK

It was proposed by Councillor Leighton, seconded by Councillor Parsons and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the committee agrees the submission of planning applications in respect of Hillworth park including the master plan, the park centre, garden pavilion and operational training centre.

591. REPORT FOR DECISION – POTHOLES ON THE GREEN

It was proposed by Councillor A R Taylor, seconded by Councillor Mrs Evans and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the path across The Green from Nursteed Road to Devizes School is continued to be patched on an ad hoc basis.

592. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Mrs Burton asked if repairs could be carried out on the potholes on the road between the island and the The Bell on The Green. Officers replied the unitary authority would be asked to carry out the works.

Councillor Parsons asked if the potential purchase of Devizes Castle could be put onto an agenda for Community & Civic Resources committee.

593. PROCEDURE: CONFIDENTIALITY OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

It was proposed by Councillor Leighton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Evans 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.