

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD IN ARDEN HALL,
CASTLE BROMWICH ON
WEDNESDAY, 7TH JULY 2010
AT 7.30 PM**

Those present:

- Chairman** Cllr Mrs. A Haywood
- Councillors** Cllr Mrs. P Allen Cllr I Hiley Cllr J Riordan
Cllr R Amos Cllr Rashid Cllr Mrs. B Wilkins
Cllr M Hayes [Items 1-11]
- Officers:** Mrs. C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council/RFO
Mrs. T. Kite, Hall Manager [Items 1-5 only]
- Public:** None.

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr Miss J Ward were noted for the reason given.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interests.

None declared.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Amos, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Hayes, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd June, 2010, having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

4. Manager’s Report and Arden Hall issues.

Members noted the circulated report and following discussion of the failure of some companies to quote for the York Room toilet refurbishment, **IT WAS AGREED** that the job be split into appropriate specialist areas, with quotes being circulated to full council. Members considered the Spencer Hall refurbishment and **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Mrs. Allen, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Hall Manager seek specialist advice. Following discussion, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Amos, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Rashid, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the planning application be submitted for 2 metre high straight fencing, with curved lockable gates on the front as outlined, with a secondary gate to the larger rear car park, to improve safety for pedestrians using parish council facilities.

5. Bar Stock Reports.

Under confidential terms, members noted the report and bar trading analysis (that had been circulated to all members).

6. Mini Soccer League.

Following consideration, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that due to existing commitments, the council could not accommodate the request for a mini-soccer league in the playing fields. However, should the applicant wish to view Hob Farm for possible consideration for potential usage, the Council may consider a different request. The Clerk would require an address to respond to the enquiry.

7. Pavilion Structural Survey.

Members noted the extract from the survey done in May 2009 an following discussion, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Amos, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Riordan, **IT WAS**

ACTION

Hall Mgr
30/6

Clerk
asap

Asst
Clerk
July 10

N.B. All Minutes are deemed as draft until formally approved and signed.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that quotations be sought to replace the priority windows, new external door by the Wardens office, to repair the drain in the ladies toilets and refurbish that facility, including tiles.

Asst &
Clerk
Aug.10

8. Residents' Concerns.

Members noted the circulated information and the Clerk undertook to acknowledge the letter from local residents reported at the June council meeting, which would be forwarded to the police, Caroline Spelman MP and ward members. The matter of refuse collections Clerk was delegated to the Clerk to increase the service to twice per week, in accordance with the staff duties which were also twice weekly during the summer.

Clerk
Asap

9. Dog Matters.

Following consideration, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Clerk draft a consultation leaflet for park users, stating that due to recent incidents the Council was considering directing that dogs should be on leads at all times in the playing fields. Following consideration, the Clerk was delegated to request dogs remain on leads during 9.30 -11.00 am for the opening of the new playground equipment during the forthcoming Saturday.

Clerk
Aug.10

Clerk
9/7

10. Payments.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Mrs. Wilkins, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the payments as circulated by approved.

11. Budget Review – first quarter.

Members discussed the printouts and noted the forthcoming in-house training. Members noted that as inflation needed to be borne in mind, 3.8% savings overall may be needed if there were to be no increase in the precept.

12. Clerk's Report/Open Spaces Report.

Members noted the tabled information from Solihull MBC regarding trial use of the Birmingham Council's Tameside Drive centre, the invitation to the training/information prior to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting, the application for Britain in Bloom funding. The Clerk reported the revised licence drafted by the solicitor for the business tenancy had been received but the planning application was still not finalized. A query on a tree matter had been referred back to the Borough Council. Replies were still awaited from the Cricket & Sports Club on matters raised by 7th June. Several meetings had taken place on Open Spaces and the Youth Offending team had planned their first visit for the end of the week. Play Equipment opening was to be finalized – any input from members would be welcome after the meeting or early arrival on Saturday to lend a hand. There was some disruption anticipated due to forthcoming holidays and staff absences.