

MINUTES of the MEETING of the RECREATION COMMITTEE
Held in the COUNCIL OFFICE on Tuesday 19th February at 6.00pm

Present: Cllr Grudgings (Chair of Recreation Committee); Cllr Gasper; Cllr Hessey; Cllr Hawes; Cllr Andrews; Cllr Parrott; Cllr O'Neill; Cllr L'homme (arrived 6.18pm)

Also: 2 Residents; Lesley Sanderson (Clerk) Cheryl Small, Clerk's Assistant.

R769/19 Apologies for absence

Neil Phillips, Tree Warden.

R770/19 Declarations of interests both personal and prejudicial

None

R771/19 Approve and sign minutes of Tuesday 22nd January 2019

The minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee as approved by Full Council, were duly signed and adopted as a true record. **Proposed Cllr Hawes; seconded Cllr Parrott; unanimously agreed.**

R772/19 Matters Arising

None

R773/19 Tree Wardens Report.

There are several issues outstanding where Mr Phillips has not heard back from the relevant authorities. These include the domed footpath due to ash tree roots heave on Stretton Road and a continuing problem reported regarding tree roots and alleged drain blockage on Coverside Road.

Trees have been planted on the river defence mound in the paddock off Church Road; Mr Phillips is investigating.

R774/19 Expenditure and Maintenance Issues

A) General

None

B) War Memorial

Discussed at Full Council

C) Paving

Clerk is in discussion with contractor.

R775/19 Duke of Edinburgh

A Duke of Edinburgh candidate for his voluntary work has taken on a project to look at alternative spaces for the now demolished skate park and is preparing a questionnaire to be included in the Spring Gazette.

R776/19 Christmas Light Switch On

It has been requested that the date of the Christmas Light Switch on is altered due to a clash of events. Sunday 24th November was suggested; Clerk to contact the Methodist Church and all parties involved to investigate.

R777/19 Cemetery Prices

After a local cemetery price comparison was circulated, Cllr Parrott suggested a £50 price increase to the Exclusive Right of Burial charges inline with surrounding villages. It was suggested the 2nd burial in the same plot charge should also be increased from £100 to £150. **Proposed Cllr Hessey; seconded Cllr Parrott; unanimously agreed.**

R778/19 Youth Centre Hire Charges

An increase in weekend hire charges from £10 to £15 an hour with a 2 hour minimum charge for the Youth Centre was discussed due to having to employ staff to open and close the building. Cllr Parrott suggested introducing a cleaning charge. Cllr Glasper proposed the increase is accepted and the cleaning charge to be discussed at a future date. **Proposed Cllr Glasper; seconded Cllr O'Neill; unanimously agreed.**

R779/19 Grass Cutting – Contract LCC

A new contract has been signed due to time constraints with an 8% increase from LCC. Cllr Andrews complimented our current grass cutting contractors.

R780/19 Goal Post Issue

Cllr's Hessey and Parrott completed a site visit and agreed a larger container would be an eyesore. The suggestion of J hooks and secure locks to the current container was discussed and agreed could be suitable. Clerk to discuss further with Glen Villa Juniors chairman.

Items/Date of next meeting: Tuesday 26th March at 6pm

Clerks apologies received for the next meeting due to a prior appointment.

Meeting Closed at: 6.38pm