

# Highworth



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### LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING 4 OCTOBER 2016

#### PRESENT

Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy (In the Chair)

Councillor: A Bishop  
(Mrs) J H Bishop  
(Mrs) J Clark  
(Mrs) A M Durrant  
G Edwards  
N Gardiner  
(Mrs) A H Livall  
(Mrs) M R Penny  
(Mrs) P M Webster  
S Weisinger

#### IN ATTENDANCE

9 Members of the Public.

#### APOLOGIES

23. Councillors C A Adams and P L Adams (Holiday)



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

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## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

24. None.

## SKATEBOARD PARK - REPORT FROM COMMITTEE MEMBER

25. Mr N Costello and Mr M Saunders. They presented a report to the Council outlining the plans of the SN-Six Wheeled Sports Committee for a skateboarding area on the Lower Rec close to the entrance.

The suggested model would be sunk into and work with the landscape so it will not be visually intrusive. The estimated cost would be between £60,000 and £80,000. Councillors were provided with information about a consultation held by the group and a computer generated image of the suggested design.

Councillors unanimously agreed to continue to support the efforts of the group.

## STREET CLEANING/MOWING

26. Over the past three weeks the two grass cutting/grounds maintenance men have been carrying out the street cleaning work before continuing on with their own duties while the Street Cleaner has been on holiday. The standard has not dropped in that time and we have not had any complaints for the residents.

We have now started our 11<sup>th</sup> cut of the season. We anticipate that grass cutting will need to continue late into the year than would normally be the case due to the continuing unseasonable good growing weather we are experiencing. We are trying to stay on top of the strimming but staff holidays has made this difficult.

The longer grass cutting season will have a serious knock on effect, as we have a huge winter programme to get through with shrub and low hedge cutting, for which we need the whole of the season to complete.

We have an issue with a resident of Roundhills Mead who claims that the verge cutting is not being done properly as the machine does not go all the way up to the fence or hedge line - this is because of a ditch. The grass cutter informs us that SBC did, for many years did the hedging and ditching, until it realised that it belonged to the Farmer and so stopped doing it several years ago.

Another issue that this resident has, is that the grass is not cut right up to his/her house and garden wall. This would be difficult with the tractor without risking damage. We are going to look at strimming this area, possibly next week.

## CORRESPONDENCE

27. a. Request from Highworth Town Football Club (HTFC) to use the Rec for their annual Five-a-Side Tournament from 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Councillors expressed concern that the event is growing faster than the Club's traffic management system. They have asked that the Club does more to alleviate the traffic and parking problems and provide a plan before they are able to make a decision on the request.

## MEMBERS' BUSINESS

28. a. Councillor (Mrs) A Livall. The hedges along the A361 towards Swindon opposite Reddown need to be cut back. Councillor A Bishop will take this request to Swindon Borough to ask the landowner to undertake the work.
- b. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny. The Groundsmen are to be asked about a fenced off area of the Rec in which there is seating.
- c. Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy. Councillors are reminded that the Annual Fireworks Event is to be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the Lower Rec.

**Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.**