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LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING 5 JULY 2015

PRESENT

Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy (In the Chair)

Councillor: C A Adams
P L Adams
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

3 Members of the Public.

APOLOGIES

9. Councillors G Evans (Business Commitments) and C Cahill.



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

10. None.

STREET CLEANING/MOWING

11. The fifth cut of the year will be completed on the verges within the next two or three days. The Crane Furlong and Haresfield parks are being cut by the smaller tractor as the ground is still too soft for the main mower to get on to them.

There is far more strimming this year because of the rapid growth, this is being done throughout the week, rather than just on Fridays.

The men are working together to litter pick areas the day before mowing to reduce delays caused by obstructions.

Councillor A Bishop has received an email from a resident of Bydemill Gardens, complimenting the Groundstaff on the grass cutting.

An information document is to be written for publication on the website outlining the work undertaken by this Council.

REC REPORT

12. Councillor N Gardiner. He reported that the Trustees met with the chosen Management provider this week. The meeting was very positive, it is expected that the handover of the Management of the Rec should be completed by the end of August.

A meeting with Swindon Borough Council has been arranged for next week to progress the arrangements.

CORRESPONDENCE

13. a. Pinders Circus. An email request has been received for a visit from this Circus later in the year for 3 nights. Councillors agreed subject to a rental fee of £350 for the stay and confirmation from the Junior Football Club that it will not interfere with its use of the area.

b. Complaint regarding the Grass-verges around the town. An email was received from a resident. A reply has already been sent explaining the reasons and the expectation that it will be resolved shortly.

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

14. a. Councillor S Weisinger. SBC drainage team have been to an area in Home Farm which has been dangerous to strim. If it continues to be a problem they will return to undertake further work.
- b. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny.
- SBC has found a problem in a soakaway in Cricklade Road near Beech Grove, which has resulted in pooling in that area after heavy rain. A drain, not shown on the plans has also been discovered. It is hoped that once works have been completed the pooling will be resolved.
 - She has asked for an article to be published in the Link to highlight the problem of fly-tipping in the Brewery Street car park - to point out that it is illegal and that fines can be issued.
- c. Councillor (Mrs) A Livall.
- She was informed that no new springs have become apparent following the very heavy rainfall recently, but that the existing ones have a higher flow.
 - Swindon Borough Council has reduced its budget for grass cutting in Swindon.
- d. Councillor (Mrs) A Durrant.
- Roundhills Mead is now fully open following recent water damage to the surface.
 - She was informed that a link to the Library Strategy report is shown on the Swindon Advertiser website and on Facebook.
- e. Councillor A Bishop. Councillors unanimously agreed to proceed with the plans to install low level planters and flowers on the Fox Roundabout.
- f. Councillor N Gardiner. He reported that the Community litter picking group is now into its second year. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny has had confirmation from the Borough Solicitor that the insurance for the Group is still being covered by Swindon Borough Council.
- g. Councillor P Adams. She reported that the meeting with the Wheelers group went well and thanked Councillor (Mrs) P Webster for her input. This is to be an Agenda item on the next Leisure Committee meeting.
- h. Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy. A debate concerning the roads in Highworth is to be a future Agenda item.

Meeting closed at 8.03 pm.