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MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING 6 JUNE 2017

PRESENT

Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy (In the Chair)

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

IN ATTENDANCE

5 Members of the Public

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

1. Resolved by Councillor (Mrs) M Penny and seconded by Councillor (Mrs) J Clark to elect Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy as chairman of the Leisure Committee. Voting was unanimously for and the resolution was carried. Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy was duly appointed and remained in the Chair.

APOLOGIES

2. Councillors C Adams (Work), P Adams (Family Commitment), (Mrs) A Durrant (Work), (Mrs) P M Webster (Holiday) N Gardiner (Holiday)



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ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

3. Resolved by Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy and seconded by Councillor (Mrs) M Penny to elect Councillor R Acres as Vice-Chairman of the Leisure Committee. Voting was unanimous and the resolution was carried. Councillor R Acres was duly appointed Vice-Chairman of the Leisure Committee.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4. None.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

5. Mr Steve Martin used this segment to introduce subjects on which he wanted to address the Councillors under the guise that they were related to the agenda item "Correspondence". This was a clear abuse of this concession to the Public. However, the Clerk advised the Chairman that it would be counterproductive to argue the point and that he may as well be allowed to continue this one time. It was agreed that this procedure be brought up at the next Full Council meeting to either withdraw it or modify it.
6. The issues raised were over specific areas in the Town, supported by photographs, where he claimed that the grounds maintenance staff is not carrying out its duties sufficiently well enough and that they should pay more attention to the areas he had identified. He was informed that the work is subject to a programme which is weather sensitive and relies on there being a minimum of breakdowns of machinery. As to how and when each area receives attention is decided by the Grounds Maintenance Manager.

SKATE PARK

7. The current situation is that a map with actual accurate measurements showing the proposed location and dimensions of the proposed facility has been sent to SBC Property (Legal) Department. We have been informed that this together with our request for consideration has been circulated among the relevant Borough Members and Officers for a decision. (Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mr K Saunders to inform Councillors that the Skate Board Committee members are aware of this and are satisfied with the progress and understand that only SBC can move things forward at this stage.)

CORRESPONDENCE

8. None.

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

9. a. Councillor S Weisinger: Registration to WALC/NALC is very expensive and not necessarily value for money. Requested it to be put on GP&F agenda.

- b. Councillor R Acres. Complaints continue to be received regarding cars parked on the grass verges on St. Michaels Avenue and alongside Windrush. Highworth Town Council has no power to stop them.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.