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MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING 7 MARCH 2017

PRESENT

Councillor N Gardiner (In the Chair)

Councillors: R Acres
P Adams
C Adams
A Bishop
(Mrs) J H Bishop
(Mrs) J Clark
(Mrs) A Durrant
G Edwards
(Mrs) M R Penny
K Smith
(Mrs) P M Webster
S Weisinger

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N Costello, Mr M Saunders (SN6ers,) Mr Rohan Haines, Jeff Roberts (HTFC), and 8 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES

51. Councillors (Mrs) L Vardy (Unwell)



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

52. None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

53. None

ELMS REC – HTFC PRESENTATION

54. Highworth Town Football club circulated plans to support their request to make alterations and an addition to the Pavilion to include a disabled toilet, enclosing the veranda to make a viewing area and improvements to the changing rooms to encompass a medical room and a Public Toilet block with small conference room, built separately from the main building. The changes could enable the Club to progress. The Club reassured Councillors that it aims to raise the money for the works and do not intend to ask this Council. If the Club does need to approach HTC for funding, it will be required to submit accounts and a business plan.

- This is to be and Agenda item for the next Leisure Committee meeting.
- HTFC is to liaise with the Town Clerk over the detailed planning of these projects

SKATEBOARD PARK

55. Two requests have been received from the skateboard committee.

a. The Clerk will negotiate with SBC for its agreement to create the skateboard play area on the Lower Rec. HTC will gain ownership of the skate park on completion.

b. Resolved by Councillor K Smith and seconded by Councillor (Mrs) M Penny, to set aside up to £50,000 towards the build cost of the skatepark and that should the SN6ers' grant applications be successful and the full amount should not be required, only the shortfall be requested. Voting was unanimous and the resolution was duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

56. None

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

57. a. Councillor P Adams. The surface in front of the "Goalshoot" is to be inspected and an assessment made whether it can be improved.

b. Councillor G Edwards. It was confirmed that no decision has been communicated at SBC on the demolition of the Youth and Community Centre building at Newburgh Place.

c. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny. There has been no response to the letter sent to the Head of Street Smart in October 2016.

d. Councillor N Gardiner.

- The frequency of use of the road sweeping vehicle has been reduced in favour of picking up litter by hand. Usage is now mainly confined to the town centre and shopping areas on a reduced schedule.

- Councillors were advised that the first Community litter pick of this year is to be on Sunday 12th March 2017 at 3pm and invited Councillors to take part.

The Meeting Closed at 9.04 pm