

Minutes of Recreation and Environment Committee held on the **8<sup>th</sup> December 2009** at 7.30pm in the Parish Office, Neath Hill Local Centre.

Present: Cllr Allum (Chair), Cllr Akinbusoye Cllr Fitchett, Cllr Foskett, Cllr McMillan, Cllr Rose Cllr Tripp, Cllr Williams,

1. **Apologies** - Councillors consented to the absence of Cllr Byfield (sickness) Cllr Stabler (holiday)
2. **Declaration of Members' interests** – none declared
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 were agreed as a true record by Cllr Tripp and seconded by Cllr Williams, all agreed
4. **Public Question Time** – none present
5. **Matters Arising** – PM reported that advice from contractors suggest that the wood is too wet to deal with. Repainting would be best done as a spring job. Cllr Richards is dealing with the roundabout sign.
6. **Loriner Orchard** – no report
7. **Downs Barn Facility** –
  - a. **Youth Club** – update from Cllr Akinbusoye, progress is good, more attendees every week. Tim pleased.
  - b. **Downs Barn Project** - good meeting with MKC officers, strategy for next stages discussed. Proposal for next steps to be agreed at Full council meeting
8. **Marsh Drive Sports Facility** – tipping has been reported in this area, all Cllrs asked to keep an eye on the area and report any rubbish to the office immediately.
9. **High Street Facility** – nothing to report
10. **Financial presentation** –
  - a. Cllr Foskett proposed that as the estimated savings only increased the net expenditure by a small amount (less than a £1 in precept equivalent) they should not be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed by all.
  - b. Increases were agreed for allotments, sports facility hire and pavilion hire. The accepted proposals were as follows
    - i. Allotments £4 a pole proposed by Cllr Foskett, seconded by Cllr Akinbusoye-  
Vote 6 to 2

- ii. Sports facilities a 2% increase on all fees was proposed by Cllr Tripp, seconded by Cllr McMillan and all agreed
- iii. Cllr Akinbusoye proposed that the pavilion hourly rate should increase to £11 an hour; this was seconded by Cllr Foskett and agreed by all.

**11. Environmental issues – information only**

**12. Chairs Update** - nothing to add

**13. Allotment**

- a. Sandy Close – difficulties with Anglian water at the moment.

**14. Estates**

- a) **Blakelands and Giffard Park** – Cllr Tripp raised the issue that even though new enforcement rules, regarding lorries had started they were seen parked opposite the TA. The homeless man is back using the bus shelters as a lavatory. PM to report
- b) **Great Linford** – damage to glass on shelter near Sandy Close PM to report

**15. Date of next meeting will be the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**16. Meeting closed at 9:15pm**

Date agreed \_\_\_\_\_ Chair \_\_\_\_\_