

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee held on the **13<sup>th</sup> April 2010** at 7:30pm in the Parish Office, Neath Hill Local Centre.

**Present;** Cllr Allum (Chair), Cllr Fitchett, Cllr Foskett, Cllr Sim, Cllr Stabler, Cllr Tripp. Laura Peak Warden Stantonbury

1. **Apologies** Cllr Akinbusoye (unavailable), Cllr McMillan (family) Cllr Rose noted
2. **Declaration of members interests** – none
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010** were agreed as a true record; this was proposed by Cllr Tripp and seconded by Cllr Fitchett, all agreed.
4. **Public Question time** –no public present.
5. **Great Linford/Stantonbury underpass art project** - all present were in agreement with this project. Laura was asked to consult with residents who overlook the underpass. Cllr Stabler suggested that as the Co-op was to be redeveloped a meeting with Alex Constandees, the Co-op and Willowbrite would be appropriate to address, underpass lighting and the cleanliness of the square. PM to discuss with Cllr Markley.
6. **Play areas** – Kate Davidson provided a proposal for Hammond Crescent. This was accepted by Cllrs. PM to ask if another seat was necessary.
7. **Matters arising** – **PM awaiting reply from British waterways** *for information only*
8. **Financial implications**
  - a. Update provided by PM
9. **Downs Barn Sports Facility**
  - a. PM reported that several groups and individuals had been approached for a quote to complete the feasibility study. Only one received to date. Cllr Foskett proposed that if no one else had replied by Friday we should accept the received tender and proceed. All agreed.
  - b. Cllr Tripp proposed that the quote from D Young, Ralley Solicitors, for £200 for work on the DB lease should be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Stabler and all agreed.
10. **Marsh Drive Sports Facility**
  - a. PM reported a local school is to hire the ground for the summer term
11. **High Street Facility**
  - a. Community Payback team work have completed most tasks within the High street area. Cllr Sim asked that the resurfacing of the car park be reviewed and that the grass cutting of the outfield be discussed with the contractor.
12. **Projects**
  - a. Update on summer programme - Cllr Foskett stated that progress is good, most activities are agreed, and a grant has been applied for. PM was asked to review caretaking needs and publicity is in hand.
  - b. Strategic Visions and action plan – it was agreed by this committee that a proposal be put forward to the Full Council requesting that a special meeting is held with all Cllrs, to agree the top 3 projects, the resourcing and leader of each project, and to define the project management tools to be used. It should be expected that some projects on this list are not completed in this financial year.
13. **Environmental Issues** – Cllr Foskett commented that the signs around the **Amirith Sharabee** restaurant in Great Linford were not in keeping with the area; Cllr Stabler would review with the enforcement.

**14. Allotments**

- a. Waiting list for all sites is extensive this would be considered at the working party meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April.
- c. Sandy Close is awaiting fencing – this is due in May. Cllr Stabler commented that a new Tenancy agreement be developed for this site. It should be discussed at the meeting on 22nd

**15. Items for future discussions – no items raised**

**16. Date of next meeting was agreed as the 11th May 2010**

**Meeting closed at 9:20pm**

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

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