

A meeting of the **Leisure & Community Committee** will take place on **Thursday, 27th November 2008**, commencing at **7.30 p.m.** in the Council Chamber.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence:** To receive apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Members to declare interests in any items on the Agenda.
3. **Minutes:** of the meeting held on 25th September 2008, previously circulated to all Members.
4. **Public Questions:** If any.
5. **Footpath Matters:** To discuss footpath matters that may be relevant.
6. **Recreation Grounds, Other Open Spaces, Cemeteries, Plant & Equipment and Allotments:** To consider the Officers report. (Encl.1).
7. **Cemetery:**
 - a) **Extension** – To consider the Officers report. (Encl. 2).
 - b) **Memorial Request** – We have received a request from a local family to place a memorial 6’6” long x 4’10” tall on their young daughters’ grave in Waltham Abbey Cemetery; a copy of the proposed memorial is enclosed. Our regulations state a maximum height of 3’0” however in the past excess heights have been approved by Committee and Members are asked to instruct the Officers on this occasion. (Encl.3).
8. **Town Mead Leisure Park:**
 - a) **Cholera Brook** – To consider the Officers report. (Encl. 4).
 - b) **Replacement Rising Main** – To consider the Officers report. (Encl. 5).
 - c) **Orchard Gardens Entrance** – We have received a request from EFDC’s Anti Social Behaviour section to consult with residents local to Town Mead regarding closing the Orchard Gardens entrance to the park at night. A local resident has complained that he is being disturbed by rowdy youths in the park during the evening. The ASB officer has asked would we consult with residents around the entrance to obtain views and comments. Closure would be at 4.30 p.m. in winter and 8.00 p.m. in summer re-opening at 8.00 a.m. Do Members wish to pursue this proposal?
9. **Plant a Tree Initiative:** To consider the Officers report. (Encl. 6).

10. **Town Hall:**
 - 10.1 **Cornmill Suite:** To consider the Officers report. (Encl. 7).
 - 10.2 **In-House Promotions:** To consider the Officers report. (Encl. 8).
11. **Town Hall Male Toilets:** The Recreation and Amenities Manager will report to the meeting.
12. **Waltham Abbey in Bloom:** The Recreation and Amenities Manager will report to the meeting.
13. **Christmas Lights and Cavalcade of Light:** The Recreation and Amenities Manager will report to the meeting.
14. **Retail Market:** To consider the Market Managers report. (Encl. 9).
15. **Waltham Abbey Town Partnership:** a) Minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2008 are enclosed for Members information. (Encl. 10).
16. **Tourism Marketing Strategy Working Group:** The Group has not met since January 2008.
17. **West Joint Area Action Group:** We have been advised by the Safer Communities Partnership that the Joint Action Group which ceased to exist in May this year has been replaced by three area specific groups and Waltham Abbey and surrounding areas (Upshire and High Beech) form the West Joint Area Action Group. The group meets every six weeks and its remit is to discuss and implement projects to improve community safety in Waltham Abbey and to ensure issues raised at the Neighbourhood Action Panel and Residents Associations are managed effectively. I have been invited to attend the next meeting on 13th January 2009.
18. **Neighbourhood Action Panel:** Minutes of the NAP meetings on 11th September and 15th October 2008 are enclosed for information. (Encl. 11).
19. **Status List:** A copy of the Status List will be circulated to the meeting.
20. **Any Other Business:** Items which the Chairman may allow for discussion only.
21. **Exclusion of Press and Public:** To consider whether in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and listed below the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting.
22. **Cemetery Extension – Site Clearance Contract:** Category 8 (Expenditure).

TO: Cllr. Mrs. R. Gadsby (Chairman)
Cllr. S.C. Pryde (Deputy Chairman)
Cllr. Mrs. P.C. Brooks
Cllr. A.B. Clark
Cllr. J.F. Collier
Cllr. W.J.Pryor
Cllr. Mrs.E.A. Webster
Cllr. A.P. Watts

To all other Members for information.
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