

LEISURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
2nd APRIL 2009

- * 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

* Denotes Members present.

Also present: Cllr. James substituting for Cllr. Watts and Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou substituting for Cllr. Mrs. Webster.

In attendance: Town Clerk, Senior Assistant to the Town Clerk and Recreation and Amenities Manager.

987. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Clark, Cllr. Collier, Cllr. Pryor, Cllr. Mrs. Webster and Cllr. Watts.
988. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no Declarations of Interest.
989. **Minutes:** RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th February 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated to all Members, be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
990. **Public Questions:** There were no Public Questions.
991. **Footpath Matters:** There were no Footpath Matters.
992. **Town Mead Leisure Park:** Members referred to the Officers report and the Recreation and Amenities Manager went on to say that the Thames Water piping contract was nearing completion.
Cllr. Pryde asked if the situation with Cholera Brook had been resolved and the Officer explained that resulting from a good flow of water through the brook the contaminated areas were now cleared and park staff would be undertaking a clearance of undergrowth from the banks.
Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou asked if Epping Forest District Council Environmental Services had followed up their proposal to carry out a contaminated land survey in order to identify areas of methane. The Town Clerk informed Members that District Council had not progressed this initiative. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT subject to the above the Officers report be noted.

993. **Larsen Recreation Ground:** Members referred to the Officers report and the Officer went on to say that the park was currently in good order. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officers report be noted.

994. **Ninefields:** Members referred to the Officers report and the Officer went on to confirm that the boiler replacement work had now been completed and the boiler commissioned and that he would be obtaining the cost of installing twenty four hour timers to the heating system. Cllr. Pryde was of the opinion that the timers in respect of the section heating the main community centre should be attributable to Abbey Youth Sports and Social Club. Following further discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT (a) the Officer obtain the cost of installing timers to the system and report back to a future meeting of this Committee and
(b) subject to the above the report be noted.

995. **King George V Recreation Ground:** Members referred to the Officers report noting that clearance of the perimeter of the field had been delayed due to weather conditions and financial constraints. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

996. **Other Open Spaces:** Members referred to the Officers report and the Officer went on to refer to the spring floral displays at the War Memorial site. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officers report be noted.

997. **Cemetery:** Members referred to the Officers report and the Officer confirmed that works were continuing to the extension site. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

998. **Churchyard and Gardens of Rest:** Members referred to the Officers report and the Officer went on to say that there had been a good display of spring bulbs in the churchyard. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officers report and additional information be noted.

999. **Plant and Equipment:** Members referred to the Officers report and the Officer went on to say that the maintenance van and the parks truck had both undergone a service since the preparation of the report. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officers report and additional information be noted.

1000. **Allotment Sites:** Members referred to the Officers report and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

1001. **Cemetery Extension:** The Recreation and Amenities Manager reported that clearance of undergrowth etc was ongoing, the next stage would be for the site to be harrowed and seeded. Cllr. Pryde suggested that plans of the proposed extension be displayed at the next meeting of this committee and it was moved by Cllr. Pryde, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT (a) the Officers report be noted and
(b) plans of the proposed extension be displayed at the next meeting of this committee.

1002. **Town Mead Sports and Social Club:** Members referred to the Manager’s report and following discussion it was moved by Cllr. Pryde, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT (a) the Officers investigate additional sites for displaying banners,
(b) the entrance to the park to be landscaped and
(c) subject to the above the Officers report be noted.

1003. **Cornmill Suite:** Members referred to the Officers report noting the level of bookings. The Town Clerk informed Members that reference had been made by the Council’s accountants to the policy in respect of hall hire charges whereby a hirer be quoted a figure at the time of booking but would possibly be charged an increased rate by the time of the actual hire. It was suggested that this matter be referred to the next meeting of the Licensed Bars and Catering Subcommittee. Following further discussion it was moved by Cllr. Pryde, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT (a) the hall hire charging policy be referred to the next meeting of the Licensed Bars and Catering Subcommittee and
(b) subject to the above the Manager’s report be noted.

1004. **In-House Promotions:** Members referred to the Officers report and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

1005. **Town Hall Male Toilets:** The Recreation and Amenities Manager informed Members that working with Cllr. Pryor he had revised the scope of works retaining the existing cubicles and vanity units and installing new stainless steel urinals. Cllr. Pryde suggested that prior to this being agreed Members might wish to inspect the facility and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the meeting be adjourned for fifteen minutes in order for Members to inspect the toilet facilities for the public hall.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8 p.m. and reconvened at 8.15 p.m.

1006. **Town Hall Male Toilets – Continued:** Members having inspected the male and female toilet facilities and the foyer of the Cornmill Suite it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officer obtain prices for the following works and report to the next meeting of this Committee;

(a) Male toilets –

Chemically clean the floor and reseal.
Obtain specialist cleaning materials for stainless steel urinals and clean.
Install false ceiling.
Replace existing cubicles and sanitary wear and
Replace vanity units.

(b) Ladies toilet –

Chemically clean tiled floor and reseal and
Decorate throughout

(c) Foyer - Decorate

1007. **Waltham Abbey in Bloom:** The Officers had nothing to report at present. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT this be noted.

1008. **Christmas Lights and Cavalcade of Light:** The Officers had nothing to report at present. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT this be noted.

1009. **Retail Market:** Members referred to the Market Manager's report and following discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

1010. **Waltham Abbey Town Partnership:** Members referred to minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2009 and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes be noted.

1011. **Neighbourhood Action Panel:** Members referred to the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th February 2009 and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes be noted.

1112. **Status List:** Members referred to the Status List and the Senior Assistant to the Town Clerk explained the current situation in respect of Grant Aid applications. The Recreation and Amenities Manager advised Members that following instruction from a previous meeting he had obtained alternative quotes for the installation of CCTV at the cemetery but these were higher than those originally received. Following further discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Status List be noted.

MRS. R. GADSBY - CHAIRMAN

