

**LEISURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**  
**27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2008**

- \* 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. Mrs. Stavrou.

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

563. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Pryde and Cllr. Reilly.

564. **Declarations of Interest:**

Member	Item	Interest	Reason	Action
Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou	Town Mead Orchard Gardens entrance.	Personal	EFDC Port Folio Holder	Remained – did not vote.

565. **Minutes:** RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008, copies of which had been previously circulated to all Members, be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

566. **Public Questions:** There were no public questions.

567. **Footpath Matters:** The Town Clerk gave Members preliminary results of the Public Consultation regarding the proposed closure of Public Footpath 105 from Sewardstone Road to Cartersfield Road. Members noted that 86% of consultees returns were in favour of closure. Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou suggested that it might be prudent to defer a final decision until the planning application in respect of the proposed Lidl Store was determined. Following further discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT further consideration of this item be deferred until after determination of the Lidl Store planning application.

568. **Town Mead Leisure Park:** Members referred to the Officers report and the Recreation and Amenities Manager went on to say that due to weather conditions the pitches at Town Mead had been withdrawn from play for the coming weekend to allow time for surface recovery. To reduce soil compaction and therefore improve drainage a verti-drain machine was being hired for use on the worst effected pitches. The Officer went on to say that Thames Water had commenced work on the rising main replacement and were currently increasing the width of the entrance to the park. It was moved by the Chairman and

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

569. **Larsen Recreation Ground:** Members referred to the Officers report and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

570. **Ninefields Recreation Area:** Members referred to the Officers report and the Recreation and Amenities Manager went on to say that the social inclusion football training project was relocating to the Astroturf pitch at Town Mead Leisure Park. The Officer went on to say that an order had been placed for the boiler replacement and the contractor was preparing a Programme of Works. It was moved by the Chairman and

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

571. **Lodge Lane/King George V Playing Fields:** Members referred to the Officers report and specific reference was made to the planned perimeter clearance and tree works. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

572. **Other Open Spaces:** Members referred to the Officers report and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

573. **Cemetery:** Members referred to the Officers report noting that there had been a theft of equipment from a secured container. Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou suggested that security lights be installed and the Town Clerk went on to say that the Officer was currently involved in the installation of CCTV at this site. It was moved by the Chairman and

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

574. **Churchyard and Garden of Rest:** Members referred to the Officers report and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

575. **Plant and Equipment:** Members referred to the Officers report. Cllr. Watts referred to the current and successful arrangements for the maintenance of small plant and equipment and hoped that this arrangement would continue. It was moved by the Chairman and

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

576. **Allotment Sites:** Members referred to the Officers report and in response to a Members question the Officer advised that approximately five allotment plots were currently vacant. It was moved by the Chairman and

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

577. **Memorial Request:** Members noted a request from a local family for a memorial to be placed on their young daughter's grave which exceeded the regulation height of three feet. Following a full discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT approval be given for the placing of a memorial 6'6" long by 4'10" high on plot No. H319. in Waltham Abbey Cemetery.

578. **Town Mead Leisure Park Cholera Brook:** Members referred to the Officers report and the Officer went on to say that the Environment Agency had carried out further water testing which had proved positive. Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou said how prudent it had been for this Council to take water samples in the first instance. Following further discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT (a) this situation be subject to continual monitoring and  
(b) subject to the above the Officers report be noted.

579. **Town Mead Leisure Park Replacement Rising Main:** Members referred to the Officers report and the Officer went on to say that the initial works of extending the width of the entrance to the park had now commenced and following completion of this the works compound would be constructed. The contractors have been instructed to prepare a Programme of Works for the Council. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

580. **Town Mead Leisure Park – Orchard Gardens Entrance:** Members noted a request from EFDC's Anti Social Behaviour Section to consult with residents local to Town Mead regarding the possible night time closure of the Orchard Gardens entrance to the Park. Following a full discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou in her capacity as District Council Port Folio Holder should discuss the matter with the Anti Social Behaviour Team.

581. **Plant a Tree Initiative:** Members referred to the Officers report. Members were generally of the opinion that this scheme should be supported however it was suggested that approaches be made to the Lee Valley Regional Park and the Parochial Church Council to assist with funding the ongoing maintenance. It was moved by Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT (a) the Officers approach Lee Valley Regional Park Authority and the Parochial Church Council for funding assistance with the ongoing maintenance and  
(b) subject to the above the scheme be supported.

582. **Cornmill Suite:** Members referred to the Officers report and Cllr. Pryor asked for a comparison report from last year. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officers report be noted.

583. **In-House Promotions:** Members referred to the Officers report regarding Town Council promoted Tea Dances. Members were generally of the opinion that these functions would benefit from advertising. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT (a) the Officers implement an advertising programme for these events and  
(b) subject to the above the report be noted.

584. **Town Hall Male Toilets:** The Recreation and Amenities Manager reported that a specification of works had been prepared and was being distributed to appropriate contractors. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the information be noted.

585. **Waltham Abbey in Bloom:** The Recreation and Amenities Manager reported that the presentation evening had taken place on the 24<sup>th</sup> October and this had been a successful event. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the information be noted.

586. **Christmas Lights and Cavalcade of Light:** The Recreation and Amenities Manager gave a current situation report and the Town Clerk went on to say that two judges were required for Friday evening. Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou and Cllr. Mrs. Gadsby volunteered to judge the Cavalcade. Following further discussion it was moved by the Chairman

RESOLVED – THAT the information be noted.

587. **Retail Market:** Members referred to the Officers report and it was suggested that the Market Sub-Committee investigate an advertising programme. Cllr. Pryor and Cllr. Clark referred to the need for larger retailers in the Town and the Town Clerk suggested this should be referred to the Town Plan Steering Committee. Following further discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT (a) the Market Sub-Committee investigate implementing an advertising programme,  
(b) the Town Plan Steering Committee be recommended to investigate methods of encouraging larger retailers to the Town and  
(c) subject to the above the Market Manager’s report be noted.

588. **Waltham Abbey Town Partnership:** Members referred to Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008 and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes be noted.

589. **Tourism Marketing Strategy Working Group:** The Town Clerk reminded Members that this Group had not met since January 2008 however he had this day had an informal meeting with representatives of Lea Valley Regional Park and the Epping Forest District Museum to discuss the production of the leaflet a “Day out in Waltham Abbey”. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT this information be noted.

590. **West Joint Area Action Group:** The Town Clerk reported that the Joint Action Group which ceased to exist in May of this year had been replaced by three area specific groups, Waltham Abbey and surrounding areas forming the West Joint Area Action Group. The Group will meet every six weeks and the remit is to discuss and implement projects to improve community safety in Waltham Abbey and to ensure issues raised at Neighbourhood Action Panel and Residents Associations are managed effectively. The Town Clerk went on to say that he would be attending the next meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT this information be noted.

591. **Neighbourhood Action Panel:** Members referred to Minutes of the NAP meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> September and 15<sup>th</sup> October 2008 and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes be noted.

592. **Status List:** Members referred to the Status List and the Senior Assistant to the Town Clerk reported on the initial meeting of the Skateboard Park Group. Cllr. Pryde congratulated the Officers on the manner in which projects were now being progressed. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Status List and additional information be noted.

593. **Town Crier – Delivery:** Cllr. Mrs. Webster referred to comments she had heard that delivery of the Town Crier was not taking place as per the contract. The Town Clerk informed Members that Officers were in regular contact with the delivery company following up on reports of non-delivery and on completion a random audit would be carried out checking on the return sheets of the delivery company. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT this information be noted.

594. **Exclusion of Press and Public:** It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and listed below the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

595. **Cemetery Extension – Site Clearance Contract:** Category 8 (expenditure).

**MRS. R. GADSBY - CHAIRMAN**



