

LEISURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
2nd OCTOBER 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.

366. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Collier, Cllr. Pryor and Cllr. Mrs. Webster.

367. **Declarations of Interest:**

Member	Item	Interest	Reason	Action
Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou	Market Managers Report	Prejudicial	Business interest in a retail outlet in Sun Street	Took no part in this item

368. **Minutes:** RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd July 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.

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

370. **Footpath Matters:** Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou advised that at the last Neighbourhood Action Panel Meeting, Members had expressed concern at the condition of the footpath between Honey Lane and Downlands. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT this matter be brought to the attention of the County Footpaths Officer.

371. **Town Mead Leisure Park:** Members referred to the Officers report and the Officer went on to say that he was investigating methods of dealing with the rabbit problem. The Officer also advised Members that he was in discussion with Epping Town Council who were arranging a joint contract for Towns and Parishes within the Epping Forest District area for dog waste disposal. It was moved by the Chairman and

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

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

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

373. **Ninefields Recreation Area:** Members noted the Officers report making specific reference to the District Council Social Inclusion Project Football Training Sessions. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officers report be noted.

374. **Lodge Lane/King George V Playing Fields:** Members referred to the Officers report. The Officer went on to say that arrangements were being made for a meeting with Waltham Abbey Football Club to discuss various issues. It was moved by the Chairman and

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

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

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

376. **Cemetery:** Members referred to the Officers report and following discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

377. **Churchyard and Garden of Rest:** Members referred to the Officers report. Cllr. Mrs. Brooks referred to the excellent condition of the Garden of Rest and congratulated the staff on their efforts. It was moved by the Chairman and

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

378. **Plant and Equipment:** Members referred to the Officers report and following discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

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

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

380. **Larsen Recreation Ground Fences and Gates:** Members referred to the Officers report and following a full discussion during which Cllr. Watts suggested the Officer include the installation of fencing around the western boundary of the bowling green it was moved by Cllr. Watts, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officer amend the report to include the additional fencing mentioned and report to a future meeting of this Committee.

381. **Cemetery Waste Bins:** Members referred to the Officers report noting the various design of waste bins available and following a full discussion it was moved by Cllr. Pryde, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officers install bins D and F in both sides of the cemetery.

382. **Cemetery Extension:** Members referred to the Officers report and following discussion it was moved by Cllr. Pryde, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted and a further report be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

383. **Town Mead Leisure Park Cholera Brook:** Members referred to correspondence from Thames Water in respect of contamination of the Cholera Brook. The Recreation and Amenities Manager advised that he had now had a site meeting with an engineer from Thames Water and was in further correspondence with him. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT this information be noted.

384. **Town Mead Leisure Park Replacement Rising Main:** The Recreation and Amenities Manager advised Members of the Thames Water proposal and referred to a possibility of engaging an agent to represent the Council in this matter. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT (a) the Officers report be noted and and
(b) the Officers investigate the viability of engaging an agent to represent the Council.

385. **Plant a Tree Initiative:** Members referred to the Town Clerk’s report in respect of this initiative put forward by the Parochial Church Council. Following a full discussion it was moved by Cllr. Pryde, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officers investigate the cost of maintaining the proposed planting scheme and report to a future meeting of this Committee.

386. **Town Mead Sports and Social Club:** Members referred to the Officers report and it was moved by Cllr. Pryde, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT (a) the Officers consider advertising the multi use games area and
(b) subject to the above the report be noted.

387. **Cornmill Suite:** Members referred to the Officers report and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

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

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

389. **Town Hall Male Toilets:** Members referred to the Offices report and it was moved by Cllr. Pryde, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officers obtain quotations for the works specified.

390. **Waltham Abbey in Bloom:** Members referred to the Officers report and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

391. **Christmas Lights and Cavalcade of Light:** Members referred to the Officers report and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

392. **Retail Market:** Members referred to the Officers report and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

393. **Waltham Abbey Town Partnership:** Members referred to Minutes of the meetings of the Town Partnership held on 22nd July, 2nd September and of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th September 2008. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes be noted.

394. **Town Centres Officer:** Members referred to the Officers report noting that the remit of the Epping Forest District Council's Town Centres Officer. Following discussion it was moved by Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the Town Clerk write to the Director of Planning with copies to the Chief Executive, Chairman of Council and Portfolio Holder at Epping Forest District Council requesting that the Officers remit be amended in order to make the appropriate Town and Parish Councils his first point of liaison rather than the Town Centre Partnerships.

395. **Protocol and Partnerships:** Members referred to correspondence from Epping Forest District Council regarding the remit of Waltham Abbey Town Partnership and Waltham Abbey Neighbourhood Action Panel. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the correspondence be noted.

396. **Tourism Marketing Strategy Working Group:** The Town Clerk advised that the Group had not met since January 2008. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT this information be noted.

397. **Epping Forest CDRP Joint Action Group:** Members noted that the Joint Action Group were to become more area specific and Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou went on to explain in more detail the proposed changes to the CDRP. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the information be noted.

398. **Neighbourhood Action Panel:** Members referred to Minutes of the Meetings held on 11th June and 9th July 2008. Cllr. Watts asked Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou in her capacity as District Council Portfolio Holder to clarify the reference to policing teams. Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou explained that teams would be based at a central station and moved as and when required to where they were needed. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes of the Meetings and the additional information be noted.

399. **Visit to Bayeux:** Members referred to the report of the visit to the Bayeux Medieval Festival and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the information be noted.

400. **White Water Canoe Course:** Members referred to the Officers report and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted and the Officers attend future meetings of the group.

401. **Essex Legacy from the 2012 Games:** The Town Clerk advised that a copy of the Annual Delivery Plan was available in the Members Room. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT this be noted.

402. **Status List:** Members referred to the Leisure and Community Committee Status List and the Recreation and Amenities Manager advised that he had received a quote of £1400.00 for works to the irrigation system on the Larsen Bowls Green. It was moved by Cllr. Pryde, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT (a) the quote of £1400.00 for works to the irrigation system at Larsen Bowls Green be accepted and (b) the Status List be noted.

MRS. R. GADSBY - CHAIRMAN

