

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE LEISURE FACILITIES & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 2008
IN THE PARISH CENTRE AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Cllr Magdalene Benson (Chairman), Cllrs Linda McLusky (Minutes), Shirley Butler and Ian Colpitts

APOLOGIES: Rebecca Findlay (Clerk, Holiday), John Lewis (Office Administrator), Cllrs John Roper (Holiday) and John Blackburn (Holiday)

Declarations of Interest: None.

2008/17 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 20th May 2008

These were an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

2008/18 Matters Arising from the Minutes of 20th May 2008

Thames Water/Grills

Cllr Butler reported that following an inspection, grills had now been put in place.

2008/19 Allotments

The Waiting List had been reduced by one. No items had been raised for discussion.

2008/20 Churchyard Items

The Clerk would be asked whether any other quotations had been received for repairs to the north and east walls of the Churchyard and if so, could all quotations be discussed at the July Meeting.

2008/21 Cemetery Items

A report of the 2008 Cemetery Inspection and that of the 2007 Inspection would be discussed at the next meeting when Cllrs Blackburn and Roper had returned from holiday.

2008/22 Kickwall Netting

A letter of complaint had been received from Mr Routledge requesting that netting be placed behind the kick wall to prevent balls going into the thorny bushes. These concerns were discussed and noted by the Committee. The Clerk would be asked if the grounds man could monitor the situation during the summer period; his feedback would then be discussed by the Committee in September.

2008/23 Cleaner Villages Week

The Committee suggested that a walkabout be organised as soon as possible to establish and record the work to be undertaken by other agencies. The Committee felt strongly that village clean-ups by volunteers should take place, at the latest, during the first week in July as it was considered that September would be too late.

Initials.....

- 2008/24 Mardley Heath Local Nature Reserve**
 Following a letter from Heidi Hutton of the Countryside Management Service regarding a funding bid to improve Mardley Heath Nature Reserve, the Committee suggested that she should be invited to attend a Full Council Meeting to present the plans. It would be helpful if hard copy of any plans could be sent to the Clerk in order that Councillors could view them before Heidi Hutton presented the ideas. If the Clerk had information on other local groups with an interest in these proposals, would it be possible to invite them to the presentation at a Full Council Meeting, for example, Friends of Mardley Heath and the Amenity Group.
- 2008/25 Damaged Machinery**
 The Committee noted the information of the situation to date and supported the actions of the Clerk to resolve the problem.
- 2008/26 Closure of Meeting**
 The Meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed

Chairman, Leisure Facilities & Open Spaces Committee

Dated