

TOWN COUNCIL OF FRINTON AND WALTON

**MINUTES of the Recreation and Amenities Committee
held at the Council House, Frinton-on-Sea,
Thursday, 4th May 2017 commencing at 7.15 pm**

Present :

Councillors J. Robertson Chairman
R.J. Bucke, Mrs. I. Johnson, C.S. Keston Mrs. F.D.A. Robertson

Absent:

Councillors E.T. Allen, P.R. Clifton, D. Oxley

In Attendance

Mrs M. Liles -Town Clerk

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E.T. Allen, P. Clifton

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 23rd March 2017 (pages 21 – 23) be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE MEETING

Minute 89 – page 23 Councillor R.J. Bucke asked about the outcome with Beaumont Manor and the Clerk replied that she had gone back to them with the Council's decision but had heard no more from them.

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COLUMBINE CENTRE – PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND BOOKINGS

The list of future bookings including regular hirers at the Centre had been included in the papers and was noted by those present. Following discussion it was noted that bookings were being risk assessed as necessary. So far three bookings had been lost through this practice and one was currently subject to the damage deposit being received before the booking takes place.

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COLUMBINE CENTRE - TO RECEIVE FURTHER INFORMATION FOR THE REFURBISHMENT WORKS AND TO NOTE ANY PROGRESS ON THE BOILERS

The Chairman reported that a specification would be drawn up for the repair work needed to stop water coming into the Bowls Club area. A date from C.H. Lindsey and Sons Ltd was still awaited but they had visited to sort out the parts to order.

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COLUMBINE CENTRE - TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN WITH REGARDS TO BOWLS CLUB

Once the specification for the new lights was ready, the Chairman would have another discussion with the Chairman of the Bowls Club.

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COLUMBINE CENTRE – ANY OTHER MATTERS

The Clerk had received information from a group offering Pantomimes similar to the previous one last year. It was felt that it would be better if we could attract a local group to put on a Pantomime.

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SHELTERS

The Clerk had prepared a specification for the repairs to the Bath House Meadows Shelter but the District Council had offered to carry out these works at the same time as they refurbish the Play Area using 106 monies. Another shelter would be selected for refurbishment. The Chairman gave information on the design for the proposed new shelter at the bottom of the Zig Zag path.

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PLAYAREAS

The Clerk reported that Veolia had now changed its criteria and stated we were no longer meeting its new criteria. She was investigating this further and would be applying to the parent company ENTRUST. After discussion it was felt that the Town Council should consider helping with this funding from its reserves, after continuing with the fundraising and asking for a smaller amount from 106 monies. It was noted that the design would be re-visited and consideration for a car parking area should be included.

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MEMORIAL SEATS

The Deputy Clerk had prepared a report with regard to repairs needed for the Memorial Seats in Frinton. Despite approaching several businesses the only quote that could be obtained was from a local company to repair 4 x straight benches and 2 curved seats, clean up and re-varnish at a cost of £2300 plus VAT was considered and it was

RECOMMENDED

that this quote is accepted with the aim of getting the work completed before the end of May.

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ALLOTMENTS - RETURN OF A DEPOSIT

A letter was considered from the gentleman who was requesting the return of his deposit, and asking for details of the name of the Council's Arbitrator. The Town Clerk had obtained advice from The National Allotment Society and the Association of Local Council Clerks and it was noted that the advice was that as there is no reference to a Council Arbitrator anywhere in our rules and policies then this does not have to be granted to any plot holder. The Clerk was asked to convey this information to the complainant stating that this is our final decision and the matter is now closed.

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ALLOTMENTS - DISPOSAL OF LOWER END OF KIRBY LE SOKEN SITE

The Clerk reported on a meeting held with the Landowner who was going to clean the ditch and turn the land into private allotments unless we wanted the land back. It was noted that our lists for sites were not showing a demand and that the land should therefore be returned as per the earlier decision. There would be some matters to tie up with regard to water supply and tap removals.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

CHAIRMAN