

TOWN COUNCIL OF FRINTON AND WALTON

**MINUTES of the Recreation and Amenities Committee
held at the Council House, Frinton-on-Sea,
Thursday, 6th November 2014 commencing at 7.15 pm**

Present :

Councillors J. Robertson

Chairman

Councillors E.T. Allen, R.J. Bucke, Mrs I. Johnson, B.J. Johnson, C.S. Keston

Absent:

Councillors M.A. Cossens, Mrs. J. King

In Attendance

Mrs M. Liles - Town Clerk

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received after the meeting from Councillors M.A. Cossens and Mrs J. King.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25th SEPTEMBER 2014

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 25th September 2014 (pages 20 – 22) were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE MEETING

Minute 65, page 21 – The Chairman reported that the gate at Witton Wood Allotments was now fixed.

Minute 70, page 22 – Cllr Bucke questioned whether the trees at Witton Wood Allotments had been inspected.

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COLUMBINE CENTRE

(a) Promotional Activities and Bookings

A list of future bookings excluding regular hirers at the Centre had been included in the papers and was noted by those present. The Clerk informed the meeting that the first wedding ceremony had been confirmed and registrars were booked. A letter from a recent hirer was considered, comments made and the Clerk would reply. The clerk mentioned that the part time caretaker had resigned.

(b) To discuss any maintenance issues

All of the maintenance issues had now been dealt with.

(c) To receive an update on the caterers and the Food and Craft Fair

Sadly Tasteful Catering had decided not to provide the café facility as the promised use had not materialised. It was hoped that the liaison between us and them would continue. The Clerk reported that she had 8 craft stalls booked so far and she was continuing to find more stall holders. Christmas Trees and decorations had been identified at the Centre and these would be put up, with if necessary, more being purchased.

(d) Frinton Summer Dance Event

The Clerk had circulated a Frinton Summer Theatre and Dance report from Matthew Townsend and it was noted that since the report had been sent, Mr Townsend had been informed that he would not be running next years' shows.

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TO CONSIDER ANY PROPOSALS TO PUT TO ESTIMATES WORKING PARTY

Some suggestions were made about setting up a Leisure Trust to run the Columbine Centre and obtain grants but it was mooted that if the venture was unsuccessful it could cost the local taxpayers a lot of money to bail them out. It was also noted that we had some current promotions and these should be tested and tried first.

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FESTIVE LIGHTS

The Clerk reported that all seemed in hand.

Councillor Keston informed the Committee that he had had a Christmas Tree donated for Great Holland and was organising carol singing again around the tree. He would like the Committee to agree some funds for additional expenses and the sum of up to £300 was agreed.

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SEA FRONT SHELTERS

(a) Plans for the Kino shelter had been drawn up and were inspected and discussed. The Clerk was asked to obtain permission from the District Council for the changes before going out for costings.

(b) The Clerk had explained that she wanted to discuss the possibility of a regular maintenance/cleaning programme with regard to sea front shelters as there had been complaints that the District Council were jet cleaning the shelters in Frinton but not Walton. We have had to hire contractors to clean out some shelters including bus shelters because they were being used as toilets. Ian Taylor had told the Clerk that they were not cleaning out any of the seafront shelters. It was suggested that some residents may be cleaning out the shelters near their properties. More information to be gathered and looked at again.

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PLAY AREAS

It was noted that Cllr Moss was drawing up plans for the proposed new play area at Walton. Cllr Keston would attend the next meeting of Great Holland Residents to ask them what improvements they would like on their play area. It was noted that 106 monies could be used for new play areas or improvements to others.

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ALLOTMENTS

(a) Letters from allotment holders had been circulated. 3 were unhappy with changes to the rules and a discussion took place about these changes including keeping of bees. It was noted that the new Allotment rules had been agreed by this Committee which was endorsed by Full Council and the plot holders had been given the statutory 1 years notice of changes to come in 1st October 2015. Any new changes would have to be considered for the following year. One allotment holder had applied to install a large poly tunnel and as he was present the Chairman allowed him to show the Committee a brochure with details. It was proposed by the Chairman and agreed that permission be granted.

(b) Most people had paid their fees and given details of their structures etc. and reminders were going out to those who had yet to do so.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

CHAIRMAN