

TOWN COUNCIL OF FRINTON AND WALTON

**MINUTES of a
Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee
held at the Council House, Frinton-on-Sea,
Thursday, 20th August 2015 commencing at 7.15 pm**

Present :

Councillors R.J. Bucke Vice-Chairman
Councillors E.T. Allen, P.R. Clifton, Mrs. I. Johnson, C.S. Keston,
D. Oxley.

Absent:

Councillors J. Robertson, Mrs. F.A. Robertson

In Attendance

Mrs M. Liles Town Clerk

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J. Robertson and Mrs. F.D.A. Robertson

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th JULY 2015

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 9th July 2015 (pages 04 – 06) 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 014, page 4 – Bookings were looked at and ideas were mooted for other events. Comments about the website were noted and it was acknowledged that the Clerk had a meeting with Greg Lashmar who manages the Columbine Website in September to re-brand it hopefully to make it more appealing, and this would be followed by similar rebranding of the literature. The problem with the water running down the walls was still to be dealt with.

Minute 017, Page 5 – Other sites for a new play area at Walton were discussed and would be inspected by Members for suitability. It was noted that people had voiced their approval on social media for a play area in Frinton and the matter should be pursued.

Minute 018, page 6 – Cllr Oxley had looked into the water costs and they were not as expensive as thought so it was agreed not to explore the installation of troughs for the time being.

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COLUMBINE CENTRE

(a) Promotional Activities and Bookings

A list of future bookings along with regular hirers at the Centre had been included in the papers and were noted by those present

(b) To receive information on maintenance issues including the Bowls Club Wall and new boilers

A further inspection of the walls was required, quotes for the boilers were being sought, and the back lights were now working again at the rear of the building. When the boiler quotes were in they would be taken to the next Full Council meeting for a decision. Cllr Allen was preparing a spec for new lighting that would give a better ambience and in the long run work out cheaper. When this was completed the Clerk would go out for quotes for the work. Solar panels were also mentioned.

(c) Any other matters relating to the Columbine Centre

The Clerk informed Members that she had received a request for an organisation to borrow the Follow Spot from the Columbine for about a week. After discussion it was agreed to refuse this request and it was

RECOMMENDED

that a policy is made not to allow any equipment from the Columbine to be let out for use outside of the Columbine Centre.

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FESTIVE LIGHTS

The Clerk reported that the application had been put into Essex County Council for permission to put up the agreed Festive Lights for this year.

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SEA FRONT AND BUS SHELTERS

Cllrs C.S. Keston and Mrs I Johnson left the chamber for the following item only.

Two estimates had been received for the work needed on the sea front shelter opposite Oxford Road. Members discussed the estimates and it was agreed to accept the estimate from Johnson Builders. The Clerk would arrange for estimates to be received for the another shelter before the next meeting.

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PLAY AREAS

(a) To receive an update on further quotes for Great Holland Play Area

The Clerk reported that she was endeavouring to obtain two other quotes and she had met with one supplier this morning.

(b) To receive information on other play areas.

A firm reply was still awaited from Tendring District Council with regard to the new Frinton play area. A request to take over the Skateboard Park land had been received with information on applying to take this over as a Community Asset.

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ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that the annual letters and invoices had been sent out and rent fees were not coming in. She reported on new water holders that had been seen on the allotments and pictures of these were shown. It was agreed that letters should go out to the plot holders asking for them to be removed and if people apply for these containers, permission should be denied.

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COLLONADE

Members were advised that the work was almost completed and the Town Mayor had been invited to a photo shoot. A request had been made for the contribution towards the cost of this. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask for a breakdown of costs before a decision is made.

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MILLENNIUM SQUARE

A meeting had been held with the Town Mayor and District Council Officers to look again at the plans. Members were shown the latest plan and there were some concerns but also some agreeable comments. The next step would be when the plans were drawn up properly to ask the District Officers to present new plans at a Full Council Meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

CHAIRMAN