

TOWN COUNCIL OF FRINTON AND WALTON

**MINUTES of the Recreation and Amenities Committee
held at the Council House, Frinton-on-Sea,
Thursday, 22nd January 2015 commencing at 7.15 pm**

Present :

Councillors J. Robertson Chairman
Councillors R.J. Bucke, M.A. Cossens, Mrs. I. Johnson, B.J. Johnson, C.S. Keston

Absent:

Councillors E T Allen, Mrs. J. King,

In Attendance

Mrs M. Liles - Town Clerk

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs E T Allen, Mrs J King.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th DECEMBER 2014
RESOLVED**

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 11th December 2014 (pages 26 – 29) 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 82, page 26 – Cllr Mrs Johnson asked if there was any further information on the responsibility of Veolia to clean the sea front shelters. The Clerk reported that although Veolia did clean the sea front there was a difference of opinion between officers at the District Council about whether this included the insides of the shelters although we did have experience that this was sometimes the case. It was also noted that even when cleaned they quickly get dirty again.

Minute 88, page 28 – A request was made for information on the percentage of the total cost of the £5000 requested as our contribution and a programme of works to complete the works on the Collonade following a discussion on the works carried out so far. The Clerk would take this up with the TDC Officer in charge of the project.

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COLUMBINE CENTRE

(a) Promotional Activities and Bookings

A list of future bookings excluding regular hires at the Centre had been included in the papers and was noted by those present. The Clerk had agreed an advert to go into the Registration Services Brochure to help promote the Centre for Weddings.

(b) To discuss any maintenance issues and the heating

The Clerk had received one quote so far for the boilers and the price was to replace one boiler £3,345.00 and to replace 3 boilers £9,159.0. A discussion took place about the number of boilers required for a new more efficient system and it was agreed that all boilers should be replaced and if they all failed then emergency decisions would have to be made in order to keep the hall in use. The Chairman was endeavouring to have a meeting with the installers when it could be arranged with regard to the system required, and to discuss about the sucking out of theatrical smoke, and the Clerk would ask Henry Martin for advice on the best system and ask if they would be prepared to draw up a specification that we could use for further quotes. One hirer from the Carpet Bowls had requested that a refund be made for their booking on the 29th December because the hall was too cold and on this occasion as a good will gesture a credit note would be issued. Following an inspection some maintenance issues had been raised and some of these could be undertaken by caretaking staff.

(c) To Discuss any other Issues relating to the Columbine Centre

The Clerk reported that a new lease was required for the hot drinks machine and if we continue with the present lease for the current machine for a further three years then the costs would be lower.

The Clerk had confirmed with the supplier that if there was a major maintenance problem with the machine then it would be replaced by them. After some discussion it was agreed that we take up the offer of a new lease for 36 months on the present machine.

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FESTIVE LIGHTS

There had been major problems with the Christmas lights at Walton when just before Christmas we were told that there had not been a certificate issued and we had to take them down. The issues were the contractor had put the lights up without receiving the permission certificate, neither the contractor or ECC had kept us in the loop, and following emails and telephone calls the contractor took the brackets for the summer baskets down we received the certificate which was dated 23rd December after Christmas. The whole thing was unsatisfactory and we will have to make sure these problems do not happen again. It was agreed to pay the final invoices from the contractor.

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SEA FRONT SHELTERS

Nothing further to report.

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PLAY AREAS

Cllr Moss was moving on with his plan for the proposed new play area in Walton. Cllr Keston now had some brochures on play equipment to discuss with Great Holland Residents Association but had been unable to go to the last meeting. The Clerk suggested contacting the school for input from the children. Cllr Keston was concerned about the algae on the apparatus and matting and this would be cleaned when the damp weather improved. The Clerk mentioned that TDC has offered use of their playground inspectors to look at parish and town council play areas but we were pleased with our current contractor who inspected and also did minor repairs.

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ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported that on recent inspections bee hives had been put onto land not owned by the Town Council, sheds etc. were on land adjoining allotments and not actually on allotments and gates from the houses out onto allotment land had been installed at Witton Wood. She had also been concerned at some ducks and chickens that did not look happy in a very exposed area. The trees were looked at and seemed OK but it was mooted that maybe an expert could be used to check these trees for safety although not all were on allotment land.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

CHAIRMAN