

**COMMUNITY AND LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 10 February 2009**  
7pm at Ockwells

**Councillors present:**

Cllr G Chapman – Chairman

Cllr B Atfield

Cllr R Case

Cllr A Clements

Cllr A Dentith

Cllr M Hatton

3 Members of the public

**The fire instructions on the entrance door were pointed out.**

**Public Question Time** - There were no questions

**MINUTES**

**08.164. Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Mr D Tetlow, Cllr T Robertson, Cllr P Colmer, Cllr H Dixon

**08.165. Declarations of Interest** – None Received

**08.166. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 6 January 2009 were signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true record.

At this point Cllr Atfield asked if the Community Garden from Agenda Item 9 Working Party could be brought forward. All in favour

**08.167 Community Garden**

A recommendation from the Community Garden Working Party was presented asking that the Committee accepts the quote from Planet Garden Limited and that the project would be overseen by Bob Jones, and that the number of flagpoles is reduced from three to two. The Working Party also asked that the Committee notes that any concerns during the construction of the Community Garden are brought to the attention of the Clerk and not the site workers. The reason for this is to avoid any confusion.

The reduction in the number of flagpoles was questioned as CTC have a number of flags. It was explained to the Committee that with two flagpoles we could still fly four flags at a time, also taking in to account feedback received from the public and the costs involved, two would be acceptable.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the resolution from the Working Party. Cllr Clements would like it noted that he did not vote. Cllr Atfield thanked Bob Jones, John and Anita Barratt for their input in bringing this project forward.

08.168.

**Clerk's report on action points from 6 January**

**07.103 – Rugby Club Lease**

CTC hold copy of register of title and plans, waiting confirmation that registration of lease with Rugby Club has taken place - 3 Feb update requested

**08.10 - Long Close**

Solicitors have located files and will move forward as a matter of urgency. Taylor Wimpey have applied to Land Registry for title as have lost the deeds - 3 Feb update requested

**08.45 - Skate Park**

Waiting information requested on suitable surfaces. Agenda Item.

**PQT – Thames Hall**

All money secured for building alterations and new windows and kitchen – Kitchen has been completed, window replacement scheduled for 13 Feb and building work scheduled for 20 Feb. All work to be completed by 31 March.

**08.58 – Museum Lease**

Lemon & Co wrote to Peter Jeremiah 29.9.08 has received no response. Request to Solicitors to confirm what information is required from NWDC to move forward with new lease.

**08.86(ii) – Abingdon Court Farm Open Space**

Letters received from residents regarding the condition of the open space between Abingdon Court Farm and Fairview. **Action:** Assistant Clerk to send letter to WCC regarding transfer of land - Letter sent

**08.87 – Cricklade Leisure Centre Lease**

Letter to Jane Scott – reply received that the request is being considered.

**08.92 – Bath Road Play Area**

Assistant Clerk to investigate different types of fencing / costs – information received waiting on Section 96. **This Item will in future be included under WP update.**

**08.113 – Disabled Play Equipment**

Grant money received – Assistant Clerk to arrange purchase and installation.

**This Item will in future be included under WP update**

**08.159 - Closed Churchyards Responsibility**

Consideration was given to the proposal from the Assistant Clerk to a new policy. However, in view of the recent damage to a listed tomb in St Sampson's Churchyard it was agreed to wait on the report from the Stonemason before any decisions are made.

**Area of Land Behind Meer Stone**

Request for area behind Meer Stone to be tidied up – investigating options – On hold until David Osborn is able to move forward

**08.162 – Cricklade Bloomers**

It was **RESOLVED** to apply for Section 96 for tree planting in various locations – 96 Licence applied for.

**08.163 – Cricklade Country Way**

It was **RESOLVED** to contact local media, display plans and invite comments. This was auctioned. Ken Oliver to meet with Cllrs to discuss the application. **This Item will in future be included under WP update**

**08.169. Correspondence**

- i) Communities in Bloom 2009 – Invitation to enter competition – All in favour not to accept invitation.
- ii) R.I.A.T. 2009 – Representative required to attend Residents Briefing. Cllr Chapman will attend on behalf of Cricklade Town Council.
- iii) NWDC – To note details of a Women's Running Network group training course, this has been displayed on Notice Boards - Noted
- iv) Campaign to Protect Rural England – To note February 2009 Newsletter – Noted
- v) Wiltshire Wildlife Trust – To note the Winter 2009/5 Newsletter – Noted
- vi) Consultation paper – Code of recommended practice on Local Authority Publicity, invites to view by 12 March 2009 – Cllr Chapman agreed to read and comment.

**08.170. Allotments**

Consideration was given to the report from Cllr Tetlow it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be instructed to:

- a) Check out the proposed measurements to confirm how many allotments we could provide on the land being offered to Cricklade Town Council; and
- b) Ascertain the level of interest from residents given the proposed rental arrangements; And, that subject to the above, the Clerk have delegated authority to:
- c) Write to neighbours to let them know our plans to create allotments on the site.
- d) Write to the landowners confirming that we would like to take up their offer of a 8-year lease on the land; and
- e) Instruct Lemon & Co to draw up the necessary lease; and
- f) Draft a rental agreement with allotment holders for agreement at the next C&L meeting

The costs for the above being met from our reserves.

**Action:** Enquire likely costs of a lease from Lemon & Co.

**Action:** We need to establish the implementation costs, if any (e.g. signage, keys to the property and/or any other access arrangements) and also the scope and frequency of ongoing maintenance requirements e.g. cutting the hedge, how often, etc.

**08.171. Skate Park**

The quotes received for the repair of the skate park were considered. It was **RESOLVED** to accept Quote 1

**08.172. Cricklade Day Centre**

The report received from Cllr Robertson was considered and noted  
The Open Door reopened under the management of Cricklade Town Council on the 19 January 2009. CTC have employed a Coordinator, Chris Foster, to run the Centre which is open every Monday and Thursday from 10.00 to 16.00 hours. To date, 27 members have registered with an average age of 80, of which the majority live alone.

The main task in the first few weeks is to:

- To get to know the members and provide them with updates on latest situation
- Register existing members and engage in a feedback exercise
- Find more volunteers

CTC have also undertaken a recruitment drive with some degree of success, although more volunteers are still required. If you know of anyone who may be interested, even just for a few hours every now and then, please contact CTC. Unfortunately, due to the bad weather conditions, The Open Door has been closed for the past week, it will reopen on Thursday 12 February. The enforced break has had an up side though. It has given Jenner Hall the opportunity to finish off their lovely new solid oak floor. This is a significant improvement to the Jenner Hall surroundings and hopefully, will satisfy WCC's requirements.

**Wiltshire County Council** – Cllr Helen Dixon has arranged a meeting with WCC to take place on 17 February. They will be discussing:

- a) Continued funding from 1 April 2009 & the WCC needs assessment
- b) Balance of the funding from 2008-09

c) Actions concerning the previous Charity

Cricklade Town Council will meet with WCC once this meeting of 17 February has taken place.

During a Suspension of Standing Orders, Bob Jones- reported that WCC had informed him that they would be reimbursing Cricklade Link and Cricklade Business Association with the rent money they paid on behalf of the Open Door and making a donation towards the fuel costs for transport provided by Cricklade Link. Bob also asked that it was noted that the Public thanked Cllr Helen Dixon, as this would not have happened if it had not been for all of her input.

**08.173. Working Party Update**  
Report was noted

**Meeting closed at 7.28pm**