

COMMUNITY AND LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 2 June 2009
7pm at Ockwells

Councillors present:

Cllr T Robertson – Chairman Cllr B Atfield Cllr B Beasley Cllr R Case
Cllr P Colmer Cllr R Szybiak Cllr D Tetlow

1 Member of the public

The fire instructions on the entrance door were pointed out.

Public Question Time - There were no questions

MINUTES

09.22. Apologies for absence – Cllr G Chapman

09.23. Declarations of Interest – Cllr T Robertson declared a prejudicial interest relating to Agenda Item 7, Cllr Robertson stayed but did not take part in discussions or vote. Cllr D Tetlow declared a prejudicial interest relating to Agenda Item 7 he stayed and took part in discussions but did not vote.

09.24. Minutes
It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the 5th May 2009 and for the Chairman to sign them once an addition to Minute Number 09.17 has been made. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting – Community & Leisure held on the 11 May 2009 were signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true record.

09.25. Clerks Report
08.10 - Long Close
Wimpey have applied to Land Registry for title as have lost the deeds - I have spoken with Martin White, Finance Director he is contacting legal to find out why the transfer has not been completed and to move it forward asap. I have contacted Mr White and left several messages and emails but no replies received. Lemon & Co have been contacted and they have had no response since 16 April. On the 5 May it was **RESOLVED** for the Assistant Clerk to write to Taylor Wimpey regarding the state of the land. A meeting took place on 20 May between D. Tetlow, English Heritage (EH) and Wiltshire Council Archaeology Dept (WCAD) regarding the Town Wall Monument. Following this meeting EH and WCAD have proposed a management plan for the walls with a working group to be formed in the near future.

08.86(ii) – Abingdon Court Farm Open Space

Letters received from residents regarding the condition of the open space area between Abingdon Court Farm and Fairview (part of the Town Wall). A letter has been sent regarding transfer of land from WC to CTC. A holding reply has been received from Jane Scott. See related note above.

08.87 – Cricklade Leisure Centre Lease

Request to transfer land to CTC - A letter was sent to Jane Scott – a holding reply has been received.

08.116 - 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. A letter has been sent to NWDC regarding the responsibility for St Sampson's Churchyard. Letters have been sent to St Sampson's and St Mary's requesting copies of letters relating to transfer request of closed churchyard to CTC. Following 5 April C & L meeting no further information has been received, despite follow up requests. **Action:** Following further discussions it was **RESOLVED** that the Assistant Clerk would chase up all parties involved, conduct further investigations on responsibilities to tomb maintenance and to complete the checking of archive records. To bring back to Committee as soon as possible.

Area of Land Behind Meer Stone

Request for area behind Meer Stone to be tided 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 - Licence applied for. Requested update 20.3, there has been a delay in receiving information from some of the Utility companies but should be complete by mid May.

08.170 – Allotments

A meeting is to be arranged to form a steering group. Deeds to the land have not yet been located. Assistant Town Clerk to take additional photographs of the land. A recommendation to spend £1500 from Reserves for set up costs of allotments to go to FTC on 26 May. A meeting has been arranged for 10 June to form a steering group. **Agenda Item**

09.08 - Cricklade Day Centre

At the C L Meeting of 5 April it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Tetlow would draft a letter to the Head of the Charity Commission and to the Minister who holds the portfolio with our concerns. Cllr Tetlow & Cllr Robertson will also look into the possibilities of a community bus. Assistant Clerk has contacted Cllr H Dixon regarding the reimbursement to the Cricklade Business Association and Cllr Dixon is pursuing with Wiltshire Council. The 2009-10 grant has been received from WC. A report from the Clerk was noted stating that the Senior Case Worker from the Charity Commission has now passed the case to the Assessment Team who have more powers and will decide what to do next. **Action:** It was **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to write to the Charity Commission and ask for an update reminded them that the day centre members have been without their funds and mini bus for almost a year.

09.18 - Exclusive Rights of Burial

Assistant Clerk to investigate available software packages and report to Committee. Local Councils and Companies have been contacted - Waiting on information.

09.26.

Correspondence

- i) Campaign to Protect Rural England. Agenda for AGM on 5 June 2009 and Minutes of AGM 6 June 2008, Annual Report, information regarding the Judicial Review for Swindon and visit details. **Noted**
- ii) Letter and Email relating to the removal of the Bath Road paper bank. Following discussions it was **RESOLVED** to write to Wiltshire Council stating our disappointment at losing this facility together with the early closing of the public toilets, we feel that Wiltshire Council is bowing down to the vandals. Can they please justify these actions, have they been taken elsewhere or just in Cricklade. This matter is also to be referred to the new Wiltshire County Councillor for action.
- iii) Hills May 2009 Magazine - **Noted**
- iv) Splash Newsletter – Spring 2009 - **Noted**
- v) Cotswold Canals – Spring Newsletter – **Noted**

- 09.27 Cricklade in Bloom**
The dates for the Cricklade in Bloom competition have been set for the period 29 June to 12 July. We will be advertising on our Notice Boards and in the Chronicle. Cllr Robertson and Cllr Szybiak have volunteered to take part in the judging process together with a member of Cricklade Bloomers. **Action:** Assistant Clerk to contact Bloomers to organise a judging date.
- 09.28. Ear Marked Reserved**
The following Ear Marked Reserves were considered by the members. **Cemetery Extension:** in view of recent findings it was agreed to bring back to committee in September with a view to releasing the EMR. **New Tennis Courts:** Following discussions it was **RESOLVED** to write to the Tennis Club and ask them of their intentions
- 09.29. Allotments**
We have been advised by the Senior Planning Officer from Wiltshire Council to apply for planning permission for the allotments, this information in contradictory to the advice received from North Wilts Planning Dept; we have requested clarification from the Planning Department. The Counterpart Lease has been received but the signing of the lease has been deferred until information as above has been received.
- 09.30. Skate Park**
The repair to the Skate Park has been completed the request for an extension to the existing Skate Park is still outstanding. Following discussions it was **RESOLVED** to see if the previous drawing and design is still deliverable, due to the fact that a boules pitch had recently been built next to the skate park and also to obtain new costings
- 09.31. Working Party Update** - Report was circulated and noted
- Community Garden** – Building of the garden continues, however at a much slower rate than was anticipated. It was **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to write to the Landscaper and ask for a completion date and to confirm that no other payment will be made until completion.
- Cricklade Country Way** - The date for the next meeting has not yet been set. Ken Oliver has been appointed as Canal Officer.
- Tree of Remembrance** - Cllr B Beasley has agreed to chair this Working Party - Assistant Clerk to arrange a meeting.
- Eastern Roundabout** – To update new County Councillor to move forward.

Meeting closed at 8.21pm