

Minutes of M&T Parish Council Sub-Committee (Recreation Ground).19.30

12.06.06

Present *Cllr A Ian Jones*
 Cllr Subu Subramanyam
 Cllr Nick Cooper
 Robin Goodland
 John Rhodes
 Cllr Richard Vie

Agenda Points

- 1 Alan Jones was elected Chairman, nominated by Cllr Subramanyam, seconded by Cllr Cooper.
- 2 Mr Goodland and Mr Rhodes were co-opted onto the sub-committee, nominated by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Cooper.
- 3 Cllr Cooper was appointed Secretary/Clerk.
- 4 Cllr Vie reiterated that the committee was to discuss and advise on the long term protection of recreation ground and not the licence. John Rhodes suggested co-opted members should sign declarations of interest and notifications of members interests. This was agreed.
- 5a Cllr Subramanyam agreed to supply the Chairman with the relevant land registry documents to ascertain ownership of the land. Mr Goodland agreed to provide a map illustrating the land in question applicable to the registry and the committee. Cllr Subramanyam agreed to check his deeds which may assist in determining ownership of the land.
- 5bcd Mr Rhodes agreed to contact other councils to understand what alternative options were currently in use other than trusts and deeds of dedication. The Chairman suggested an option of setting up a limited company and issuing shares to Parishioners. This was discussed and rejected by the committee. Concerns were aired by the committee over the current situation and the jeopardy that the recreation ground was currently in. These were categorised as;
 - 1.) Longevity of the current Parish Council - Potential mergers, abolition, make up. 2.) Protection of the land from Travellers without confirmed ownership.
- 6 It was agreed to issue a proposal to the next Parish Council meeting as follows " Proposed that the committee recommends Timsbury recreation ground be not placed in trust, but protected by Deed of Dedication and that the Parish Council invites the Fields Protection Officer of the National Playing Fields Association to explain the scheme to the full Council at the earliest opportunity, or authorizes the sub-committee to make the arrangements". It was further agreed to pass information relating to a Deed of Dedication to Peter Buist for onward circulation to the wider Council.

- 7 Mr Goodland raised that the NPA will provide free legal advice to the council should they require. Cllr Vie expressed concerns over the potential cost and magnitude of the scheme being discussed. Additionally Cllr Vie expressed concerns over the impartiality of legal advice offered by the NPA. Cllr Subramanyam expressed concerns over the revocation of such a deed should it ever become required. These concerns were debated during the second open period.

The meeting closed at 20.30