

Minutes of M&T Parish Council Recreation Ground Committee Meeting 02

11.10.06-7.35 p.m.

Present Cllr Alan Jones (chairman), Cllr Nick Cooper (secretary), Robin Goodland, John Rhodes.

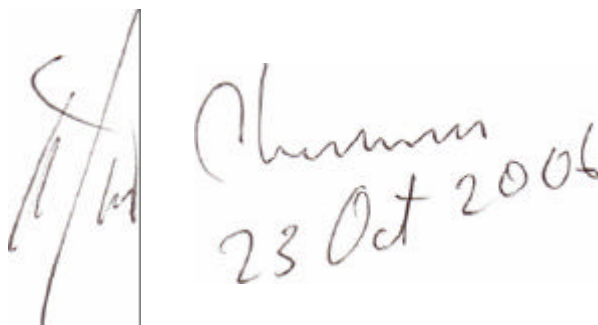
Agenda

Points

- 1 There were no apologies for absence.
- 2 No person was present to take advantage of the Open Period.
- 3 The minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee meeting of 11.06.06 were unanimously confirmed a true record: proposed Mr. Rhodes, seconded Mr. Goodland.
- 4 Matters arising:
 - a Cllr. Jones' proposal to the full September Council meeting was noted; viz.:
 - b There was discussion on the grounds that caused the proposal to be withdrawn; viz: the failure of the National Playing Fields Association to provide promised information/ documentation; and the failure to advertise the resulting expenditure in the agenda.
 - c It was noted that a watered-down proposal was passed, to seek legal advice on the Deed of Dedication from the solicitor to Test Valley Association of Parish Councils, on the basis that if provided it would be free of charge.

Cllr Subu Subramanyam arrived at this point.

- 5 The future of the Recreation ground:
 - a Mr. Goodland informed that inspection revealed that, contrary to the advice given its July meeting, the Council does not hold or know the whereabouts of the title-deeds to the original Recreation Ground; although it does hold a declaration on its acquisition by the Council, given in circa. 1982 by Mr. Geoff Pratt, son of the donor/vendor.
 - b It was felt that Mr. Pratt's widow or children should have access to his copy of the transaction, but no action was agreed.
 - c It was agreed to ask the clerk to include in the agenda for the October Council meeting the proposal: "that the Parish Council sets aside £1,000 to cover expenditure on any item in connection with the investigation into and/or implementation of the placing of Timsbury Recreation Ground under a Deed of Dedication".
 - d It was agreed to ask the clerk to include in the agenda for the October Council meeting the proposal: "that the Parish Council immediately registers Timsbury Recreation Ground in its entirety with The Land Registry".
 - e It was agreed to ask the clerk to include in the agenda for the October Council meeting the proposal: "that the Parish Council appoints solicitors to provide legal advice on the Deed of Dedication": in this connection, Mr. Rhodes undertook to try to find a solicitor specialising in Charity Commission and real-estate affairs.



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6 The management of the Recreation ground, a It was agreed that Timsbury Recreation Ground should be maintained to a standard enabling general recreational use by all ages, with well-maintained grass sufficiently mown for purpose, b It was agreed that to enable proper management and budgeting, a Performance Plan was essential for the Ground in its entirety, viz. main recreational area, "Hort.Soc. area", Pre-school enclosure, Jubilee Hall surrounds, children's play-area, hedges, fences, gates, seats, flag-pole and buildings, plus litter-management.

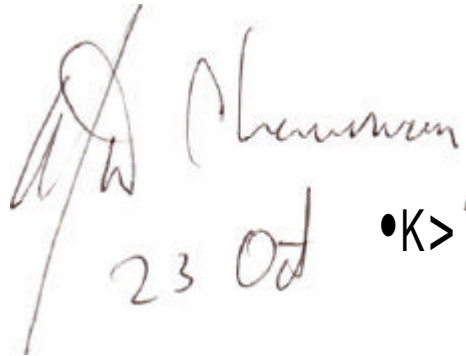
Cllr Cooper left the meeting at this point.

It was agreed Mr. Goodland would take the minutes for the remainder of the meeting.

6 The management of the Recreation ground (continued). c Mr. Goodland undertook to prepare a draft Performance Plan for ratification by the Committee prior to the October Council meeting, d It was agreed to propose to the Council at its October meeting that £5,000 be included in the 2007/2008 precept for all Recreation Ground expenditure. e It was noted that much expenditure on the Recreation Ground is currently paid from the "Sports Fund"; and it was agreed to propose the end of this confusing and misleading state of affairs, by absorbing the balance of the Fund into the normal Council account, f It was felt that the Council spent a disproportionate amount of time on Recreation Ground issues; that the facility could best be managed by a Committee of the Council, no doubt enabling large savings; and that the matter should be further discussed at a future meeting.

The date of the next meeting was set for Monday, 23rd October, in the sports pavilion at 7.30 p.m..

The meeting closed at 21.50 .



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