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SWAFFHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2005 at 7.00p.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Swaffham.

Present: Cllr. B Emmerson (in the chair)
Cllr. S Lister, Cllr. A Greaves, Cllr. J Stockdale, Cllr. P Darby,
Sally Palmer, Dennis Tallon, Andy Panes, Sam Mummery,
Reg Dowden.

Deputy Town Clerk: Mrs M Meyrick
Clerical Assistant: Mrs R Noble

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1. Sue Polaine-Leonard, Cllr. C Baker.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1. There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. TO AGREE THE MINUTES.

3.1. Minutes of Wednesday 16th February 2005, Correction - 1.1. Cllr. P Darby should have been on apologies for absence subject to this correction the Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

4.1. The six appointed Town Council representatives for the Recreation Ground Committee of 2005/06 to be recorded are: Cllr. S Lister, Cllr. A Greaves, Cllr. J Stockdale, Cllr. P Darby, Cllr. B Emmerson and Cllr. C Baker.

4.2. An election for five members of the community took place. Those who were nominated and elected are: Sally Palmer, Sam Mummery, Dennis Tallon, Andy Panes and Sue Polaine-Leonard.

It was unanimously agreed for Sally Palmer, Sam Mummery, Dennis Tallon, Andy Panes and Sue Polaine-Leonard to be members of the Recreation Ground Committee for 2005/06.

4.3. Mr Reg Dowden would take part as an advisory person for the committee.

4.4. It was proposed by Cllr. S Lister and seconded by Cllr. A Greaves to elect Cllr. J Stockdale as Chairman, and to elect Cllr. B Emmerson as Vice Chairman for 2005/06.

It was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr. J Stockdale as Chairman and Cllr. B Emmerson as Vice Chairman for 2005/06.

Cllr. J Stockdale then took the Chair as Chairman.

5. DEPUTY TOWN CLERK REPORT

5.1. The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the advice from the Rural Community Council was to break the project into smaller projects. For the size of this project it was recommended 4 or 5 projects would be best for funding.

5.2. A discussion took place regarding the Public Toilets on the Recreation Ground stating that they needed to be there. The Deputy Town Clerk reported that research is being carried out by officers of Breckland Council as to the demolition of the current toilets on the recreation ground which have been closed for some time. It is estimated it would cost Breckland Council £10,000 to remove the toilets from the Recreation Ground. The final decision would have to be decided at Breckland's Scrutiny Panel meeting. It was suggested the Deputy Town Clerk ask if the £10,000 would be made available to Swaffham Town Council as match funding if they demolished the toilets themselves.

It was unanimously agreed for the Deputy Town Clerk to see if the £10,000 would be available to Swaffham Town Council as match funding if they were to demolish the toilet themselves.

6. NEXT STEP FORWARD

6.1. The Deputy Town Clerk suggested the project could be split into smaller projects, a short discussion took place regarding the smaller projects and the following appointed councillors and members volunteered to be responsible for doing some research work as below:

Toddlers and Junior Play Area - Michelle Meyrick, Sally Palmer, Sam Mummery, Cllr B Emmerson and Sue Polaine-Leonard.

Multi Purpose Ball Game Area - Andy Panes and Dennis Tallon.

Assault Course - Sally Palmer and Sam Mummery

Garden Area with seating - Cllr. A Greaves, Cllr. P Darby and Cllr. B Emmerson.

Toilets .- Cllr. S Lister, Cllr. C Baker and Cllr. A Greaves.

Dog Walking – Cllr. A Greaves.

The Deputy Clerk informed everyone she would be available to give advice to them regarding their project.

6.2. It was suggested that the Assault Course would be the first project to be worked on.

6.3. Discussions took place relating to Match Funding and Grant Funding towards the project, the Deputy Town Clerk said it was too early to look at funding at this stage. She reported it is possible to get funding from a lot of different organisations but funding bodies like to see partnerships.

6.4. It was suggested that the committee could in the future approach support from invited groups, i.e. T.A., Vets, Horticultural Society and Toddler Groups.

6.5. It was also suggested that leaflet drops or visits are made to neighbouring dwellings of the recreation ground to inform occupants of the projects taking place. It was agreed to visit residents with plans after the next meeting.

9. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING.

Next meeting Tuesday 19th April 2005 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed at ???

Chairman.....