

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION  
COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019 AT 7.30PM  
AT THE TOWN HALL.**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Mrs S Mantle (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs P Whiting

Cllr C O'Rourke

Cllr H L Jackson

Cllr Mrs A Gardner

Cllr Mrs C Reavey (as a substitute for Cllr A M T Reading)

Cllr D C Lawson MBE (as a substitute for Cllr Mrs A Sauntson)

Miss A J Schofield (Assistant Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr A M T Reading, Cllr Mrs A Sauntson

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record.

4. **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

5. **SPORTS PAVILION DEEP CLEAN**

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That a deep clean of the sports pavilion be undertaken at a cost of £495.

6. **SIGNAGE FOR STANWICK ROAD TOWN GREEN**

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That a sign be purchased and placed at the entrance to the Town Green at a cost of £228 plus installation. That the wording of the sign be amended to read 'Higham Ferrers Town Green, Stanwick Road'.

7. **FENCING TO THE MUGA**

**RESOLVED:**

That an additional panel of palisade fencing not be installed to the existing fencing on the boundary of the MUGA with Wharf Road.

8. **FOOTPATH REPAIRS TO LITTLE CASTLE FIELDS**

**RESOLVED:**

That a cost be obtained to allow consideration of another option for the footpath repairs, the cost to incorporate the wider path width along the entire length.

9. **FENCING TO FITZWILLIAM LEYS PLAY AREA**

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

That the fence to Fitzwilliam Leys Play Area be replaced with galvanised

playsafe specification bow top fencing with an agreed budget for the works of £7,995 to include in built hydro self-closing gates.

10. **CLERK'S REPORT**

**Skate Park**

Quotes have been received for the work to extend the bonded rubber mulch surfacing over the back slopes of the end banks. However, a complaint has been received regarding the existing bonded rubber mulch at the ends of the skate park. The finish of the work has been questioned as there is shedding of the bark material from the surfacing. Advice with regard to the finish and amount of loose material being generated has been sought from the Independent Inspector of our play areas. The matter is also being pursued with the installation company Fenland Leisure Products.

**Dogs Off Lead Area**

Compliments have been received regarding the siting of the 2 new benches.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk's report be received and noted.

11. **PARISH PATHS WARDEN REPORT**

**RESOLVED:**

That the report from the Parish Paths Warden, Marion Darnell be received and noted.

12. **ITEMS TO REPORT**

Cllr Mrs C Reavey reported the overgrown grass verge to the front of Borough Court. The Assistant Clerk stated the land is owned by the Housing Association and they have been asked to cut it.

Cllr Mrs P Whiting referred to the hedge alongside the cricket pitch and asked if it was scheduled for cutting back as it was becoming overgrown. The Assistant Clerk confirmed it was in the contract for cutting back twice a year and would seek the next scheduled cut early.

Cllr C O'Rourke reported the overgrown vegetation along the Greenway from Saffron Road to Kings Meadow Lane. The Assistant Clerk confirmed the matter had already been logged with the County Council's FixMyStreet. Cllr C O'Rourke also said he had been approached by a number of residents seeking lighting along the Greenway. He was advised this had been pursued previously with the County Council but with no success. There is no ducting installed for the electrical cabling thus making installation extremely costly.

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

10<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Chairman

Date