

ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held at the Community & Youth Building, rear of Redfield Edge School, Oldland Common on Tuesday 25th September 2018 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: S Bromiley, M Bridge, J Allinson,
R Allinson, J Ivens, and L Efthymiou.

Mrs S Jones – Leisure Officer

The Chairman outlined procedures for exit from the building in the event of an emergency.

141. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Hughes.

142. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment and Leisure Committee meeting held on 26th June 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

143. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS AS APPROPRIATE TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

It was brought to the attention of the committee that the Jubilee Tree that had been donated to Redfield Edge School had been re sited from its original position and subsequently died. It was suggested that it should be replaced.

RESOLVED that the school should be contacted and asked if they intend to replace the tree.

144. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR

Councillor M Bridge declared an interest in the setting of allotment rents and withdrew wholly from the meeting during discussion of this item.

The financial report had been circulated and was noted.

- a) **Budget for the Year 2019/20.** After careful consideration it was agreed that the budget should remain the same as last year.
- b) **Allotment rents for the year 2019.** The rent for 2018 was £20 for a full plot and £14 for a half plot.

RESOLVED that the rent remain the same for 2019.

145. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ALLOTMENT SITES

The laid hedges at both sites have had their annual maintenance. At the Redfield Hill site the footpath works have now been completed and it is hoped that it will improve the situation with the overhanging weeds which had been a problem to pedestrians. There are a group of

plots at the Redfield Hill site which are in a very poor condition, but it was confirmed that these were either let or had just been let and it is hoped the situation will improve soon.

146. BITTON IN BLOOM AND ALLOTMENT COMPETITIONS 2018

It was confirmed that everything was in place for the presentation evening on the 28th September.

147. DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2018

The winners of the competition were invited to the July full council meeting, where they were awarded a framed copy of their photograph and a printing voucher. Articles regarding the competition were in both the Week In and the Focal Point magazine.

RESOLVED to discuss the competition for 2019 at the next meeting ready to be included in the January newsletter.

148. TO CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- a) **Local Footpath Walks.** These walks have had lower numbers recently, probably due to the very hot weather/holidays. There were 5 walkers on both the August and September walks.
- b) **Buggy Walks.** The numbers have been steadily falling for the buggy walks which could be due to the hot weather and also because Facebook has changed the way posts are rated on the newsfeed, meaning not so many members of the Facebook group are seeing them. There were 8 and 8 on the July walks, 8 and 6 on the August walks, then 3 and 3 on the September walks. The Leisure Officer and the walk leaders are working on ways to improve the numbers with alternative advertising.
- c) **Friendship & Exercise Club.** The club had its first birthday on 12th September which was well attended.
- d) **Bench on Brewery Hill, Upton Cheyney.** This bench is now being repaired.

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm.

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Chairman