

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 27th November 2018 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: L Efthymiou, M Bridge, J Allinson,
R Allinson, J Ivens, and P Hughes

Mrs S Jones – Leisure Officer
Mrs S Robbins - Clerk

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

208. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Bromiley.

209. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment and Leisure Committee meeting held on 25th September 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

Councillor Hughes told the committee of an initiative called ‘Bees Needs’ where local groups have used patches of land to plant insect friendly flowers, shrubs and trees to encourage pollinating insects. He suggested that the Parish Council look into possible areas to be planted in a similar way.

RESOLVED that the Leisure Officer contact John Morris at South Gloucestershire Council to look at land in Cloverlea Road, North Street allotments and the bottom of Cherry Garden Hill.

211. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR

The financial report had been circulated and was noted.

212. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ALLOTMENT SITES

The Leisure Officer confirmed that the majority of allotments were let and there were no names on the waiting list. The footpath works at Redfield Hill were now completed and it was agreed that there should be a maintenance visit before Christmas.

The planting of trees on allotment plots were discussed. It was noted that there was no specific mention of this in the tenancy agreement.

RESOLVED a. that the 2019 rent letter being sent to all tenants include mention that the Council asked tenants not to plant trees on allotment plots but that those planted in containers were acceptable.

b. that the Leisure Officer reply accordingly to the tenant who had raised the issue.

213. DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2019

Details of the competition rules were discussed and agreed for the next competition.

RESOLVED that details be printed in the January newsletter.

214. BITTON IN BLOOM AND ALLOTMENT COMPETITIONS 2019

This year’s competition was discussed and it was agreed that the competition format should remain the same. Identification for Councillors whilst judging was discussed and it was agreed that lanyards should be used.

RESOLVED that the Leisure Officer produce laminated identification cards on lanyards for all councillors to be used whenever on Parish Council business.

The cups and shields that are now in storage were discussed and it was agreed that they should remain the property of the Parish Council and possibly be donated to Kingswood Museum in the future.

215. CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION 2019

Councillor J Allinson is looking at themes for next year’s competition.

216. TO CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- a) **Local Footpath Walks.** Clive’s walks are proving popular again with over 20 walkers on the last walk of the year, culminating in a meal at the end.
- b) **Buggy Walks.** Numbers continue to be low for both monthly buggy walks with October seeing 5 and 3 and November 7 and 5. It was the walks 3rd birthday at the beginning of November.
- c) **Friendship & Exercise Club.** The clubs numbers are at an all time high with 19 at the last session. The group have booked a Christmas meal together.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm.

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Chairman