



**Minutes of the meeting held of the NORTHWOOD RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE
held in the
Town Council Office, 13 Denmark Road, Cowes on Monday 11 March 2013 at 6.30pm.**

Present:- Councillor D Jones (Chairman)
Present:- Councillors Banks, Brown, and Walters
Councillor Matthews was also in attendance but non-voting

13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Wells and Jon Goldsmith

14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was a declaration of interest from Councillor Banks as his company had just completed the refurbishment of the toilet block.

**15 MINUTES
RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November may be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

16 UPDATE ON EXISTING PROJECTS

Skate Park

The ROSPA inspection has been agreed by the full council at a cost of £65 plus VAT and will take place in May 2013.

It was noted that SSE has requested a meter reading which may have an impact on the cost.

The cleaning of the Skatepark was discussed and in order to ensure that "best value" is achieved it was:-

RECOMMENDATION: That Top Mops are invited to provide a quotation for cleaning the Skatepark, MUGA and Playbuilder areas whilst they are cleaning the toilet block.

Playbuilder Park

An invoice has been received from the IW Council for the maintenance contract for the year which includes inspection and upkeep at a cost of £1,500.

Inspection reports have also been received to 12/12/12 noting a small number of problems.

The Assistant Town Clerk has received a reply to the email enquiry regarding the zip wire seat which states that no modification is required and that the seat has been designed to current safety standards. Councillors feel this is still an issue, so it was suggested that taping around the attachment may help. Councillor Walters will

source some suitable tape and Councillor Brown will apply it. The assistant Town Clerk will contact the IW council and explain the situation.

MUGA

This has really been a success story with a large number of young people and their parents using the facility at all times.

The ROSPA inspection has been agreed by the full council at a cost of £65 plus VAT and will take place in May 2013.

The damaged Basket Hoop has been replaced Free of Charge under warranty.

Outdoor Gym

There was a successful opening event in December.

Even though the weather has been very cold, the facility is being used.

The sign has been repaired.

Toilets

The refurbishment is nearly complete, with only the new signs to be installed.

They will re-open for the summer on 29/03/13 (Good Friday) with Top Mops providing a "deep clean" ahead of the opening.

At the Town Council meeting last week, the cleaning contract was agreed with Top Mops to continue as per last year with a summer opening only. This decision was discussed and several councillors were unhappy with the decision.

Action: a rescission notice will be considered.

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UPDATE ON THE TRAFFIC ORDER

Following the last meeting the Assistant Town Clerk contacted the Highways Department for an update. A reply states that Traffic Order should have legal sealing on 15/03/13 and that the painting of the double yellow lines outside of the Recreation Ground entrance should have happened fairly quickly after April 1st.

It was also discussed that the council considers a list of byelaws at the entrance to the Recreation Ground.

Action: The Assistant Town Clerk contacts other clerks on the Isle of Wight to gain a list of byelaws currently in use.

Date of next meeting: was not agreed as there will be a new council in place in May and the new Mayor will decide on a date once elected.

Meeting ended at 7 pm.

CHAIRMAN