

## **Wheathampstead Parish Council Playing Fields & Youth Committee 18 January 2010, 20.00h**

Present Councillors:	A Brewster	Chairman
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	A Waterfield	
	Julia Warren	Clerk to the Council
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### **789-10 APOLOGIES & SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Waterfield for his delayed arrival.

### **790-10 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

### **791-10 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **792-10 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 15 June 2009 and 2 December were recommended for approval and recommendations made on 2 December 2009 approved.

- Resolved:**
- 1 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2009 and 2 December 2009 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman.**
  - 2 To approve the recommendations made on 2 December 2009**

### **793-10 DOG OWNER RESPONSIBILITY**

It was reported that a dog bag dispenser had been ordered (Minute 710-09) and bags were now available. The dispenser would be installed near the Butterfield Road pavilion. It was agreed that an article on dog owner responsibility be submitted to the Pump.

**Recommendation: To include an article on dog owner responsibility in the Pump**

**794-10 PLAY AREA UPDATE**

Councillor Waterfield arrived during this item.

Use of the Council's play areas was discussed including better use of Melissa Field. Consideration was given to whether the Archery Club would be able to change their training venue from Folly Fields to Melissa Field. The Clerk was asked to approach the Archery Club to suggest a site visit.

It was agreed that WPC would support the Cricket Club by mowing the grass in 2010-11

It was reported that the Vibrant Towns grant application for outdoor gym equipment at Rectory Meadows had been unsuccessful. St Albans District Council had plans to install gym equipment through the district, it was agreed that the Clerk write to the District Council putting forward Wheathampstead as a suggested future location for their project.

New/refurbished play provision in Rectory Meadows was discussed, as the swings were damaged and urgently needed replacing. A suggested scheme had been drawn up and local residents and park users consulted. An application was being made for the County Council locality grant.

The need for fencing around the play equipment was discussed at length. The proposal that the old and damaged swings be replaced and fence retained was NOT carried.

It was agreed that residents be further consulted over other options (i.e. combinations of existing fence, new fence, no fence, new double swing unit, Jungle Climber etc.)

Councillor Waterfield asked that his vote AGAINST this motion be recorded

It was agreed that Council formalise its consultation process.

- Resolved:**
- 1 To support WCC by cutting the cricket outer field 2010-11**
  - 2 That residents be consulted over the nature of the new play equipment, options to include fencing or not.**
  - 3 To Recommend to Council that it agree a policy on consultation.**

**795-10 YOUTH PROVISION**

It was agreed that Arsenal Soccer School would be able to use the field and Marford Pavilion 18-19 February

**Resolved:** **To permit use of the Marford Field and pavilion for the Arsenal Soccer School 18-19 February 2010**

#### **796-10 BUDGET REVIEW 2009-10**

The expenditure to date was reviewed.

**Resolved:** **To note the report**

#### **797-10 PROJECTS FOR REMAINDER OF 2009-10**

As discussed at Minute 794-10 the main project remaining for 2009-10 was Rectory Meadows play area

**Resolved:** **To progress the Rectory Meadows play area refurbishment**

#### **798-10 BUDGET 2010-11**

The budget proposals were discussed. Initial suggestions to include provision of £10,000 for play area and pavilion refurbishment were reduced to £5,000 each and £25,000 for Marford Play area was removed for the forthcoming year. A budget totalling £40,852 (compared to £48,090 in 2009-10), comprising £12,252 maintenance and £28,600 projects was agreed

**Resolved :** **To recommend a budget provision of £40,852 being £12,252 maintenance and £28,600 projects**

#### **799-10 ADDITIONAL TIME**

**Resolved:** **To permit additional time past 22.30h to complete budget discussions and complete agenda items.**

#### **800-10 PROGRESS AGAINST VILLAGE PLAN TARGETS**

Progress was discussed

L1	Provide MUGA	In consultation with SADC & police following installation of MUGA at Batford
L2	Youth Connexions	Agreement to use Memorial Hall
L4	Folly Fields play area	Refurbishment complete
L6	Caesars Rd play area	Working with SADC and Playbuilder grant fund
L9	Improve sign posting	New village entry signs and fingerposts in High Street installed
L10	Facilities for young people	Ignition project expanded
L11		
L12	Tennis /golf	Tennis sessions made available in Ignition

