

Minutes of the meeting of the OPEN SPACES & LEISURE COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks on Monday 18th July at 8:45 pm following the Planning Committee Meeting.

PRESENT

Cllr R J Parry – **Chairman**
Cllr A Eyre - **Vice Chairman**

Cllr C L L Baker	Cllr Mrs M A London
Cllr J M Canet	Cllr P E Towell
Cllr R M C Hogarth	

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Also present:
Cllr R L Piper

In Attendance:
Deputy Town Clerk
Open Spaces & Cemetery Manager
Committee Clerk

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Cllrs Raikes, Mrs Walshe.

101 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received from members in respect of items of business included in the agenda for this meeting

Cllr Parry, being a Member of Kent County Council, stated he would reconsider matters to be discussed at this meeting at County level, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations at Kent County Council.

Cllr Parry, being a Member of the Kent & Medway Fire and Rescue Authority, stated he would reconsider matters to be discussed by the Authority, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations.

Cllrs Eyre, Hogarth, and Towell being Members of Sevenoaks District Council stated that they would reconsider matters to be discussed at this meeting at District level, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations at Sevenoaks District Council.

102 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED that** the minutes of the Open Spaces and Leisure Committee held the 14th of March be signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

103 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Statement of Accounts to the 31st May 2011 were received and noted.

It was RESOLVED that:

- Should the hand drier at the Lower St John's Toilets be vandalised again beyond repair it will not be replaced.

104 ROADSIDE ADVERTISING

The committee received and considered a report on roadside advertising operated by the Town Council.

It was RESOLVED that:

- The regulated roadside advertising continues for the benefit of local charities and organisations.
- Sevenoaks Town Council investigates regulating the site opposite 230 Seal Road

105 THE DENE - ACQUISITION OF FOOTPATH

The Committee received and considered information relation to the transfer of the footpath between The Dene and Valley Drive.

It was RESOLVED that:

- Sevenoaks Town Council progresses with the acquisition of this site.

106 OPEN SPACES & CEMETERY MANAGER'S & TOWN WARDEN'S REPORT
Open Spaces and Cemetery Manager's Report

The Open Spaces & Cemetery Manager's report was received and noted.

South East in Bloom

It was noted that the Judges from SE in Bloom were appreciative of the efforts made by the Town Council, and comments were largely positive; however it was felt that public car parks did not meet the standards exhibited elsewhere in the town

It was RESOLVED that:

- Sevenoaks Town Council contacts Sevenoaks District Council to request that car parks be included in street cleaning programmes and generally ameliorated.

Knole Paddock/Raleys Fields

It was noted that there has been a rise in unauthorised use of the site for rugby training.

It was RESOLVED that:

- Sevenoaks Town Council writes to the Rugby Club highlighting that if this unauthorised use of pitches is being allowed it will have a negative effect on their quality, and they may need to be taken out of use.
- Cllrs Parry and Piper together with the Chief Executive were thanked for their efforts in getting the Rugby Club lease signed.

Town Warden's Report

The Town Warden's report was received and noted.

Hillingdon Rise Play Area

The installation of kerby boards by the PCSO was noted.

It was RESOLVED that:

-The PCSO be invited to the next meeting to give a brief community update for this area.

107 CURRENT MATTERS

The Committee received and noted the current matters.

108 PRESS RELEASE

It was considered that the next Community Clean Up Day to be held at Millpond Wood on the 23rd July 2011 would be worthy of a press release.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

Chairman