

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Leisure and Youth Committee held in at Malmesbury Fire Station, on 21st February 2008 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Cox, Killane, Sanderson. Thomas and Woodcock

Also in attendance: Cllr Blake, Mr Jeff Penfold

Non attendance: Cllr Miss E Davis

Public Participation: No members of the public were present

Apologies: Cllrs Denley & Goldstone

Declarations of interest: Cllr Sanderson advised that he did have a personal interest relating to item 5 on the agenda, as his daughter had purchased a house adjacent to the Newnton Grove play area.

45. Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the Leisure & Youth Committee held on the 10th January 2008 be received and adopted.

46. Reeds Farm

a) Mr David Whiteside - Playdale Playgrounds

Mr Whiteside advised that he had been asked to assess the Reeds Farm site and produce a number of schemes showing what Playdale could provide for a budget of £65000 including all necessary ground works.

Multi Use Games Area

This could be provided with timber cladding, 3m goal ends, synthetic surfacing, full compliance with BS standards, steel clad top rail, suitable for 8 sports, designed to suit the whole community, 15 year guarantee and simple system to replace panels.

Small Multi Use Games Area and iPlay unit

This MUGA could be used for predominantly basketball but could be used for 4 a side football. The iplay unit has been designed with teenagers in mind and can be used for single player games or team games. Games are played by activating electronic switches and following commands dictated by the audio and visual display.

This unit can be viewed online at www.intelligentplay.co.uk

Range of Traditional Range of Play Equipment

To include 2 climbing frames, swings, rope cone, gravity rider, rocker/rider, aerial runway, log walk, log intertwine, wet pour surfacing, fencing, litter bin and link paths.

b) Cllr R Sanderson - Update

Cllr Sanderson advised that further consultation should now take place with local residents. When the type of equipment had been chosen further estimates should be sought from other playground equipment providers. Some discussion took place regarding the future maintenance costs of an additional playground and whether Malmesbury Town Council could afford to proceed with such a scheme.

Proposal The Leisure and Youth Committee will support the provision of a play area up to £65,000 being made up of £25,000 lottery finance, a contribution of £5,000 from Malmesbury Town Council and the balance being made up of future s.106 agreement finance. £60,000 of this should be allocated to the purchase of equipment and £5,000 being set aside for maintenance. Seconded Cllr Killane.

It was agreed that the committee clerk will ensure this matter is included on the next Policy and Resources Committee meeting agenda.

47. Newnton Grove

Cllr Sanderson advised that Monster Play have acknowledged to Westlea Housing Association that there are some problems with the play area as a result of poor installation. Westlea have confirmed that the faults will be rectified and a further ROSPA inspection will be carried out. NWDC would like Malmesbury Town Council to own the play area and have agreed to make available a £7000 maintenance budget. In addition Westlea have agreed to provide a bin, a seat and a bench.

Proposal Cllr Sanderson proposed that Malmesbury Town Council takes over the management and ownership of the play area on the basis that the maintenance budget of £7000 is provided by NWDC in full and that Malmesbury Town Council inspects and is completely satisfied with the condition of the play area. Seconded Cllr Woodcock

It was agreed that the committee clerk will ensure this matter is included on the next Policy and Resources Committee meeting agenda.

48. Cloister Gardens/St Aldhelm's Mead Sub-Committee Report

Cloister Gardens

Cllr Cox advised that Malmesbury Carnival would like to hold a low key music event in the Cloister Gardens on the August bank holiday Monday. As this would be a Carnival event the committee clerk advised that the Carnival committee would have to write to the Town Council seeking permission to use the garden for this purpose. The council would in turn write to Mr & Mrs Pollard regarding the event.

St Aldhelm's Mead

Cllr Thomson advised that the sub committee would like the council to consider using part of St Aldhelm's Mead for a memorial garden inbetween the football area and Cuckingstool Mead. Mike Hinwood of Foxley Road Nurseries has agreed to provide horticultural advice.

49. White Lion Park

Cllr Killane updated members as follows:

- 14 trees have now been planted (10 of which are semi mature)
- Half of the footpath has now been laid
- The additional play equipment should be installed during March
- The WLRA will be inviting Rupert Evelyn back to the park when all the above has been completed.
- Photos will be taken for the web site.

50. Youth Café

Cllr Sanderson advised that he had a meeting with Will Kay the Youth Development worker for Malmesbury regarding the above. Mr Kay advised that they now have a Youth Café at the new youth centre. One of their group, who will be running the café, has recently attended a food hygiene course. They would like to run it as a business and use any profit for community youth projects. Some discussion took place and it was agreed that the Town Council should not duplicate or hinder what the youth centre was already doing.

Proposal Cllr Sanderson proposed that the Town Council should discontinue the town hall youth café project. Seconded Cllr Cox

51. Committee Clerk's Report

The committee clerk advised that since the last meeting the following works have been carried out:

- The toilet block at St Aldhelm's Mead has been painted and new anti graffiti door signs fitted.
- Two wooden slats have been replaced to the fence adjacent to the stream on St Aldhelm's Mead.
- The hedge has been in-filled with new hawthorn and holly wips.
- Two quotes have now been received for the repair of the tarmac pathway just beyond the memorial gates. In the meantime it has been filled with gravel.
- The tree surgeon has still not completed the tree work and enquiries are being made.
- The hedge branches and trimmings have now been cleared to the bonfire site.
- The maintenance staff have made a start on the Cloister Gardens bank adjacent to the Abbey steps and have spent a week clearing the one section. Due to their workload there will be insufficient time for them to complete the work before the grass cutting season starts. In the meantime 3 quotations have been sought from local contractors for due consideration by council.

52. Correspondence

The committee clerk referred to a letter, already circulated to members, from Mrs Clare Edmeston the Chair of Action for Children on Reeds Farm and outlining what the group's hopes were for the site.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.