

WESTERLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE
19th May2014
HELD AT MANORHALL, COALPIT HEATH

Present: Councillors: J Butler, D Boulton, J Wright, P King, A Gibbs, A Fay,
Officer – F Thornton Clerk/RFO

1. **Appointment of Chair**
Cllr J Butler was proposed by Cllr P King and seconded by Cllr A Fay. No other nominations, all in agreement, Cllr J Butler was appointed chair.
2. **Appointment of Vice Chair**
Cllr A Fay was proposed by Cllr J Wright and seconded by Cllr D Boulton. No other nominations, all in agreement, Cllr A Fay was appointed vice chair.
3. **Apologies for absence**
Cllr E Carey, K Arathoon, D Lee
4. **Declarations of Interest under The Localism Act 2011**
None
5. **To approve minutes of the meetings held 14th April 2014**
Decision: proposed by Cllr J Wright and seconded by Cllr P King to approve the minutes. Agreed by all. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
6. **Bitterwell Lake**
 - a) **Committee to discuss refurbishment works – update from Councillors appointed to oversee works**
Banks by the Chalet and the Car Park are now completed. Road side bank will be started for council approval before it is completed. Councillors acknowledged that more top soil was required for the grass seed to grow. Working group to look at this matter and report back at next meeting.
 - b) **Committee to discuss any other matters**
Log cabin – defer until the refurbishment works are completed.
Boundary stone to be reinstated.
7. **Committee to discuss and agree additional grass cutting**
Quotations were presented to Council for additional grass cutting, as SGC are carrying out only two cuts per year. Areas to cut are residential areas.
Decision:
Proposed by Cllr P King and seconded by Cllr D Boulton that Council buy back the service from SGC at a cost of £1260.20 for the remainder of this year and £1344.21 for the following year. Agreed by all.
8. **Committee to discuss provision of bin for Greens Newsagents**
The shop owner has been unable to secure a refuse bin and so has asked if this Council could provide a bin as well as providing the emptying service
Decision: Proposed by Cllr J Butler and seconded by Cllr A Gibbs that we would split the cost 50:50 with him in providing a bin. Agreed by all.
9. **Committee to discuss the reformation of a Joint Parishes Youth Forum**
The JPYFSG has requested that the individual parishes consider whether they broadly support the idea of trying to re-start the Joint Parishes Youth Forum and whether they would be willing to financially support this initiative should it be re-established
Decision: Proposed by Cllr J Wright and seconded by Cllr D Boulton to defer the decision until the future of the Bockeridge Centre is known

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10. Items of Report

(Items can be discussed but members can make no decisions – a council cannot lawfully decide any matter which is not specified in the summons.)

1. The annual play inspections have taken place for Westerleigh Playing Field and Newman Field. No items of concern were raised. The recommendation is to monitor wooden equipment at Westerleigh Playing Field due to the age of that equipment.
2. A resident of Rathbone Close has asked if a 'no parking' sign can be erected on the green. SGC has advised they no longer provide this service. The resident points out that every bungalow in the close has more than adequate off road parking for 2 plus cars – Clerk to ask for more information and to request they send a photo.
3. Westerleigh Playing Field – Neighbourhood Watch have applied to use the field on 7th June for their annual boules and BBQ event. All the necessary paperwork is completed along with satisfactory insurance cover.

11. Date of Next E&L Committee Meeting – 23rd June 2014

Signed

Date:

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