

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
meeting held on TUESDAY 20th January 2015
in the Council Chamber at 7.30 pm.

Present Councillors: M Gibbins (substitute for D Fernee)
J Halls
CW Foulger (Chairman)
A Taylor
J Turner

Also Present:
Members of the public - 1
Cllrs. Longhurst, Heard, Hornby & Broome

LE01/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None

LE02/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

LE03/15 MINUTES OF MEETING Upon the resolution of Cllr. Halls and seconded by Cllr. Taylor it was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2014 as a true record.

LE04/15 PROGRESS UPDATES None.

LE05/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- o Cllr. Hornby – play equipment – Ketts Park
 - o Concerns that the Council hadn't taken professional advice.
 - o Age range should be teenagers as there was no provision for them in this part of Wymondham. *Clerk responded that SNC (Garry Howard – playscape officer) were aware of the Councils plans and Mr Howard was due to visit the Council later this week to view the proposals and to give advice. He was also aware that future developments in this area included provision for older children recreational space.*
- o Cllr. Heard commented that consultation with residents should take place.
- o Mr Welton asked if money would be spent refurbishing other sites as they were in a poor condition. Clerk asked which pieces of equipment and which sites was he referring to, Mr Welton replied the grass at Rothbury Road play area was worn in the goalmouth. Cllr. Foulger responded that the Council has a rolling programme of upgrading and improving sites. Mr Welton then said he agreed with Cllr. Hornby.

LE06/15 PLAY EQUIPMENT-KETTS PARK Clerk recapped on the situation that Council had approved a budget of £100,000 for playscape at Ketts Park in the next financial year. The Committee had determined at its last meeting that illustrations should be obtained from 4 reputable play equipment companies and that the core age range to be catered for was 8 -13. Subsequently 3 providers have submitted sealed illustrations/costings and disappointingly the 4th company had declined to submit proposals but had only informed the Council today when they were contacted. Each Company was asked to provide 2 options and the sealed packages were opened by Councillors.

With 6 options now available it was agreed to proceed with the process of consultation by way of an article in the Mercury, leaflet drop, website and a display at Ketts Park on a football day. Residents are to be invited to view the proposal and to comment on reply slips.

Meeting closed 20.15 pm

DATED this day of 2015

SIGNED (Chairman)