

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 9th January 2013 at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall

PRESENT

Cllr Paton - Chairman
Cllrs. Anstey, Connolly, Fulford, Price & Lewendon

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cllrs Adams & Hale,
Ms K Mason, Town Clerk
Miss D Vine, Asst. Town Clerk
Mrs M Coatham, Finance Officer

1. To receive apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Perkins

2. To receive any declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest

3. To receive any matters raised by members of the public

No public present

4. To discuss the plans for a new concession building at the Recreation Ground

Members had received a copy of an email from Cllr Shering suggesting that thought be given to including sufficient room for indoor seating. Members felt that whilst the idea was sound it would be too expensive at this stage and that Planning might not be amenable given that the original plan was to replace the toilet block and that the concession would be an added amenity. Most buildings were now designed to enable extension in the future if that was desired.

Based on the amended plan submitted in December 2012 it was AGREED to recommend to the Finance & Policy Committee on the 30th January 2013 that Michael Weakley Associates be asked to proceed to request planning permission.

5.To determine hire costs for the Recreation Ground in 2013/14

Members discussed the need to attract use of the Recreation Ground tempered with increasing costs of maintenance and AGREED to recommend to Finance & Policy Committee the following increased charges for the Recreation Ground hire and camping and caravans. There would be an increase of £1.00 per session. Rates to be effective 1 April 2013. Members agreed that charitable events would be charged at the commercial rate, subject to an appropriate reduction.

Recreation Ground Hire 2013/14

All include vat.

Per session:

Football & Rugby Clubs	£46.00
Juniors	£23.00
Training	£24.00
Whippet Track	£33.00 (day) £17 (evening)

Cricket £45.00

Tournaments £100 daily rate, £50 half day.

Camping & Caravans – Up to 20 £100 per day/night. 20 or more £100 per day/night + £5 per pitch. (Price inclusive of use of the pavilion & showers).

Commercial use of the Recreation Ground - £200 per day.

Other events hire costs to be determined by the Finance & Policy Committee.

Fishing Fees

These rates to stay the same:

Daily rate:

Adult £5.00

OAP/Under 16 yrs £2.50

6. To discuss budget proposals for 2013/14 and make recommendations to be taken to the Finance & Policy Meeting on 30th January 2013

Members considered a number of projects for the forthcoming year in order of priority and in conjunction with budget requirements. It was accepted that it would not be possible to fund everything this year and monies also needed to be set aside to build a contingency fund for future years for maintenance and new machinery. It was AGREED that there would be a need to replace the front deck mower and ride on tractor within 2 years but to replace now would be prohibitive in terms of cost and so there was a need to extend the life of what we have. There was sufficient money left in this years budget to purchase a new Petrol Strimmer, Hammer Drill and Tip Up Trailer, all of which were required urgently by the Groundsmen. The following were AGREED as priority for the forthcoming year.

Tree Inspections – Requirement for insurance purposes

Repair & Refurbish Paddling Pool – Big attraction and requiring urgent attention

New Matting at Whitsbury Road Play area – replacement required due to flooding

New Toilets and Concession Building at Recreation Ground

New Sports Pavilion – on-going but initial costs of planning permission etc.

Cllr Fulford asked that an urgent meeting be convened with Jamie Burton from NFDC in respect of the likelihood and level of Developer Contributions being released in respect of the new toilets and sports pavilion. The Clerk asked if the Committee could make a recommendation to Finance & Policy Committee to release developer Contributions from NFDC. It was proposed by Cllr Paton and seconded by Cllr Connolly that this Committee recommend to the Finance at Policy Committee on the 30th January 2013, that a request is made to NFDC to release Developer Contributions. All in favour, Carried.

<u>Amenities</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Recreation Ground - Sundry Lets	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,500.00
Brownsea Land	£ -	£ -

Cricket Clubs	£ 100.00	£ 150.00
Rugby Clubs	£ 3,000.00	£ 3,000.00
Football Clubs	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,325.00
Whippet Club	£ 750.00	£ 750.00
Refreshment Concession	£ 600.00	£ 800.00
Fishing/Anglers	£ 300.00	£ 700.00
Youth Shelter & Skate Park	£ -	£ -
Playscheme	£ 4,000.00	£ 6,500.00
Total Income	£11,250.00	£14,725.00

Expenditure

PROPOSED

BUDGET

2013/2014

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Recreation Ground - Staff Costs	£ 34,200.00	£ 34,575.00
Casual Labour	£ 3,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Playscheme Staff	£ 5,000.00	£ 7,000.00
Playscheme Equipment etc	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,500.00
Recreation Ground - Utilities	£ 3,500.00	£ 5,000.00
Petrol/Road Tax	£ 2,500.00	£ 3,100.00
Pavilion	£ 6,500.00	£ 6,000.00
Recreation Ground Seats	£ 500.00	£ 1,000.00
Safety Equipment	£ -	£ 500.00
Machinery Repairs/Replacement	£ 5,000.00	£ 8,000.00
General & Ground Maintenance	£ 12,000.00	£ 15,000.00
VIC Lease	£ 4,500.00	£ 5,000.00
VIC	£ 8,500.00	£ 8,500.00
Brownsea Land	£ -	£ -
Youth Projects		£ -
Floodlights	£ -	£ 500.00
Children's Play Area	£ 11,000.00	£ 6,000.00
Youth Shelter	£ 3,500.00	£ 500.00
Skate Park	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Sub Total	<u>£102,700.00</u>	<u>£ 106,175.00</u>

7. To note any items of correspondence

None

8. To receive a report from the Clerk or any other relevant business

It was confirmed that work on the skatepark lights would begin w/c 14th January 2013.

9. To note the date of the next meeting as 20th March 2013

The Meeting ended at 09.20 pm