

# Highworth



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### LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING 7 JUNE 2016

#### PRESENT

Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy (In the Chair)

Councillor: P L Adams  
A Bishop  
(Mrs) J H Bishop  
(Mrs) J Clark  
(Mrs) A M Durrant  
G Edwards  
N Gardiner  
(Mrs) M R Penny  
(Mrs) P M Webster  
S Weisinger

#### IN ATTENDANCE

39 Members of the Public and Paul Tilling, Liam Coombley and Don Hart  
(HTC Grounds Staff)

#### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

1. Resolved by Councillor A Bishop and seconded by Councillor S Weisinger to elect Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy as chairman of the Leisure Committee. Voting was nine for and one abstained. Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy was duly appointed and remained in the Chair.



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## **APOLOGIES**

2. Councillors C Adams, G Evans (Business), Mrs A Livall and C Cahill.

## **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

3. Resolved by Councillor S Weisinger and seconded by Councillor (Mrs) J Bishop to elect Councillor N Gardiner as Vice-Chairman of the Leisure Committee. Voting was nine for and one abstained. Councillor N Gardiner was duly appointed Vice- Chairman of the Leisure Committee.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

4. None.

## **SKATE PARK/MUGA**

5. Councillor P Adams has agreed to meet with the committee of residents and Councillor N Gardiner to form a group to attempt to identify likely sites for a skateboard Park and MUGA and to try to move this forward as a joint HTC/Residents process.

## **GRASS CUTTING**

6. The year universally throughout the UK has not started well, with grass cutting and strimming being held back for several weeks due to weather factors. In spite of this the grounds staff have provided a sterling service and are already into their fourth cut of the season which is now bringing them back to where they should be. Paul Tilling, Head Groundsman, outlined the journey the staff have had to make to get to grips with the new services of grass cutting and street cleaning. He is happy that the Council is just able to cope with the grass cutting with the manpower available. However, he feels that there are issues surrounding the street cleaning equipment which have to be addressed before the end of the current hire agreement on the current machine. Councillors agreed that the service being provided is of an excellent standard and fully support the staff. They are well aware that there will always be individual complaints, but the service as whole is much improved by HTC taking it over.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

7. a. Grass Cutting/Street Cleaning -Letter from Paul Newton-Smith. This was dealt with under "Grass Cutting".

**MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

8. a. Councillor S Weisinger. Councillor N Gardiner gave an update on the Highworth Rec. A Company has been selected but he was unable to give any details due to commercial confidentiality. Contracts have been agreed and the situation looks positive,

**Meeting closed at 8.03 pm.**