

**Present:** The Chairman, Councillor Mrs J Wood  
The Vice Chairman, Councillor D Clenshaw  
The Mayor – Councillor M Akehurst  
Councillor Mrs J Bland  
Councillor Miss S Evans  
Councillor I Reissmann  
Councillor D Silvester

**In Attendance:** Mr M Kennedy – Town Clerk  
Mrs N Taylor – Senior Committee Administrator – Minute Taker

**Also Present:** 1 Member of the Press  
1 Member of the Public

**61. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Gawrysiak and Miss K L Hinton.

**62. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

**63. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

None

**64. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 27 January 2015 were approved and then signed by the Chairman, Councillor Mrs J Wood as a true record.

Members received and considered the minutes of the Mill Meadows and River Sub Committee held on Thursday 22 January 2015.

Councillor D Clenshaw abstained from voting on the following item.

It was agreed that the failure of Vinci Park to chase ECN's should not have any financial impact on Henley Town Council and following a vote it was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

**that a calculation should be made using the % figures provided for 2012, 2013 and 2014 and a claim for loss of revenue be made to Vinci Park by way of compensation for their failure to collect Excess Charge Notices; and**

**that the Minutes of the Mill Meadows Sub Committee held on Thursday 22 January 2015 be received, approved and adopted.**

- iii. Members received and considered the minutes of the Henley in Bloom/Civic Pride Sub Committee held on 24 February 2015 and the recommendations therein.

Councillor Mrs J Wood advised that she had been in attendance at the meeting. It was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

**that Councillor Mrs J Wood be added to the minutes, and**

**that the minutes of the Henley in Bloom / Civic Pride Sub Committee held on 24 February 2015 be received, approved and noted.**

- iv. Members received and considered **the** notes of the Outdoor Gym Equipment Working Group held on 6 February 2015 and the recommendations therein

A Member stated that the area of Mill Meadows favoured by the Working Group was obviously not acceptable to Full Council, and the group should be advised to think again as the reasons stated for not placing the equipment in either Makins or Freemans were in his opinion perverse.

It was agreed that thanks should be given to the members of the Working Group for all their hard work. It was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

**that the notes of the Outdoor Gym Equipment Working Group held on 24 February 2015 be received and noted. The location was referred back to the Working Group for further consideration.**

- v. Members received and considered the notes of the Christmas Decorations Sub Committee held on Monday 9 February 2015. It was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

**that the notes of the Christmas Decorations Sub Committee held on 24 February 2015 be received, approved and noted.**

**65. BUDGET**

Members received the Management Accounts to 31 January 2015 copy having been issued and **RESOLVED**

**that the report be noted.**

**66. PROGRESS REPORT**

i) Members received a report on progress, and after the following observations noted the information contained therein.

Mill Meadows Parking Charges Increased parking charges now taken effect.

Humphrey Gainsborough Plaque Ordered

Toilet Refurbishment Robert Rigby has advised that the builder has been away but the meeting should take place soon.

Fingerpost Signage for Public Rights of Way Suggestions would be welcomed from the public as well as Councillors as this signage will encourage walking which is good for the health of the community.

It was unclear whether walks outside the town as well as town centre paths should be included. It was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

**that David Perry be contacted to establish which paths should be promoted and where the signs should go.**

ii) Members received and considered the Makins progress report, and after the following observations noted the information contained therein.

A Member advised the Gainsborough Residents Association (GRA) and HTC are in liaison regarding the installation of a table tennis table. He also advised GRA and SOHA are in discussion regarding the future use of the former garage area.

#### **67. CHELSEA FRINGE – PERMISSION TO USE THE MOORINGS AT MILL MEADOWS**

Members received and considered a request from the organisers of the Chelsea Fringe in Henley to use a section of the temporary moorings at Mill Meadows on Saturday 16 May 2015. It was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

**that permission be given to the Chelsea Fringe in Henley to use the temporary moorings at Mill Meadows between the Bowls Club and the River & Rowing Museum jetty, free of charge, on Saturday 16 May 2015 to allow all boats participating in the Floral Flotilla to moor and be easily viewed by spectators.**

#### **68. REVIEW OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S RECREATION FACILITIES**

Members received and considered an initial report regarding the Town Council's recreational facilities and thanked the Administrator for all her hard work.

It was noted that the Council wished to take a holistic approach to all of its leisure facilities.

A lengthy debate ensued as to whether a Working Group should be set up now as resolved by Full Council on 10 February 2015, or if it made more sense due to the short amount of time until the Elections to hold a smaller investigative meeting now and then arrange the Working Group once the new Council has been elected.

It was suggested that as there was a lot of work to do and such a short amount of time to do it in and, as it was likely that some if not all of the Councillors would no longer be on the Council after the elections, it would make more sense to have a smaller meeting with Jackie Logan from SOHA, A member of the Gainsborough Residents Association (GRA), Sue or Tim from Nomad, Karen Tulley from SODC and any interested Councillors before a Working Group is set up by the new Council to work out how we should best speak to the residents. Any information from this meeting will be fed to the Working Group.

A member suggested that the questionnaire sent out by the GRA would be a useful model for the Working Party to use, and suggested that the Strategic Review for the next 4 years also includes special events, public engagements, flower beds and drains etc.

It was agreed that no one challenges the help that the GRA provides as this is what is required from more groups in other areas, but it was not felt that drains etc. were appropriate for this review as it is purely a review and plan of recreational areas.

It was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

**that prior to setting up a Working Group to review the facilities a smaller meeting be held with SOHA, SODC, GRA, NOMAD and interested Councillors (Councillors Evans, Silvester and Wood expressed their interest); and**

**that any information gained at this meeting be fed to the Working Group once it is set up after the Elections in May 2015, which will consider all of the 11 items listed on the Town Council's Recreational Facilities list and carry out a full survey of what recreational facilities residents would like to see in Henley.**

It was noted that SOHA would be providing free Micro Chipping for dogs at Makins Recreation Ground for all residents of Henley on Sunday 11 April 2015 between 11am and 1pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm

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Chairman