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## NOTES FOR THE ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

7:00pm Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007

PRESENT - Councillor S. Jupp in the Chair

Councillors EJ. Hadley, P. Smith, T. Davies, R. Hesse-Phillipson, P. Banyard and D. Dobbie

Town Clerk PR. Leeder, Assistant Clerk RC. Allbones

IN ATTENDANCE Seven members of the public

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

**RESOLVED on proposal by Cllr. T. Davies, seconded by Cllr. P. Banyard that Cllr. P. Smith be the Chairman for 2007 / 2008.**

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor S. Hethershaw  
Councillor JS. Morley

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**RESOLVED on proposal by Cllr. EJ. Hadley, seconded by Cllr. R. Hesse-Phillipson that the notes of the Economic, Environment and Leisure Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007 were approved as the minutes and signed by the Chairman.**

5. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk advised the Committee that the proposed works to Roseway corner will begin in July. He read out a letter received from the Marshalls Cricket Club thanking the Town Council for the Cricket net and inviting Council members to two cricket games, also requesting the use of the Councils marquee for the games which the Committee decided to take the matter to full Council to ratify their decision.

The Clerk advised members that the Recreation Officer had attended a resident's site visit at Holme Walk with Councillor KJ. Smith to look into the possibility of putting some play equipment on. The Recreation Officer advised that he can mark out a mini football pitch. Acis have said that they will help purchase the play equipment. *The initial feelings from the members at the meeting were to move forward with the idea and to liaise with Cllr. KJ. Smith.*

The Clerk advised that the Aisby Walk skate park is moving forward and is now back in budget after reducing the size of the skate park.

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6. YOUTH INFORMATION BOOKLET

A general discussion took place.

**RESOLVED on proposal by Cllr. T. Davies, seconded by Cllr. S. Jupp that the Youth Information Booklet be sent to Belton to be copied with a coloured front cover and black and white inner.**

Cllr. D. Dobbie abstained from the vote.

7. NOTICE BOARDS

A general discussion took place.

**RESOLVED on proposal by Cllr. R. Hesse-Phillipson, seconded by Cllr. T. Davies that three further notice boards be purchased and sited in the following areas: - Leisure Centre, Riseholme Road and Yarborough Pub.**

8. LEVELLINGS GATES

**RESOLVED on proposal by Cllr. R. Hesse-Phillipson, seconded by Cllr. T. Davies the Committee approve the leaflet consulting the public regards the locking of the gates on Levellings and deliver from the Old Hall up to North Marsh Road, also requesting the library to display and to put a public notice in the local paper.**

Councillor D. Dobbie was against the vote.

9. RESPONSE AND RECOMMENDATION TO MR ZAITSCHENKO'S EMAIL

The following email was received on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2007

On Tuesday evening this week between approximately 6 pm and 7.30 pm, there was a football match taking place between two local teams on the Hickman Bacon Memorial Park. As it was a pleasant evening there were unsupervised children, a few, not many, playing on the equipment at the north end of the Park. Sadly these children were exposed to some very foul language from some of the players involved in the game. Normally the games are played on Sunday mornings and few, if any, children are about, which is just as well given the conduct of certain footballers, who are often to be seen using the sides of the park as urinals. Surely the playing of matches, the conduct of players and the potential effect on young children should be so predictable that the Council must see that football pitches and children's play areas do not mix. I would urge the members of the Council to take their objectives for the Park a stage further and ban ADULT football from being played there. Taking one large pitch and splitting it into two smaller playing areas specifically aimed at the development of young talent in the town will hopefully be seen as a positive development. I urge the members of the council to review their policy with regard to this area, and allow young children the freedom to develop away from bad influences. Perhaps taking the time to observe a Sunday morning football match (which is an option no longer afforded to my dog who used to enjoy his morning walks whilst games were played, and may I add, without any form of criticism from players and officials) will allow the members to see exactly how the Park is being used or abused.



**RESOLVED** on proposal by Cllr. P. Smith, seconded by Cllr. T. Davies that the Clerk write to the Football League, Referees Association asking them to instruct all football teams using the Levellings to please ensure they use in a correct manner, i.e. with a lack of swearing and offensive language and also to ensure that no one uses the bushes or surrounding area as a toilet but uses the toilets provided, also write directly to the four individual teams to whom Levellings is their home ground. All letters will indicate that should football teams not obey these rules they will not be allowed to use the playing field in the future.

Cllr. T. Davies requested that a copy of the letter sent be copied to the Committee members.

10. MEETING FREQUENCY

**RESOLVED** on proposal by Cllr. EJ. Hadley, seconded by Cllr. R. Hesse-Phillipson that the Committee meet on the third Tuesday of every month for 2007 / 2008 apart from August.

11. ELECTION OF SUB-COMMITTEES / WORKING GROUPS (if required)

**RESOLVED** on proposal by Cllr. EJ. Hadley, seconded by Cllr. R. Hesse-Phillipson that the Committees remain the same as 2006 / 2007 until the next Economic, Environment and Leisure Committee meeting.

12. SKATE PARK USER GROUP

**RESOLVED** on proposal by Cllr. S. Jupp, seconded by Cllr. T. Davies that Cllr. G. Bardsley be the Councils representative on the Skate Park User Group.

**RESOLVED** on proposal by Cllr. EJ. Hadley, seconded by Cllr. R. Hesse-Phillipson that Cllr. JS. Morley be the Councils reserve representative on the Skate Park User Group.

The Clerk will speak to Kim Gray to request if the Council can have 2 representatives on the User Group.

13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 7:00pm

The meeting closed at 7:50pm.

Signed..... Chairman 19/06/2007