

150/02 **Forest Front Open Space****a) New Play Facilities**

Members were advised of additional items of work that had been identified as required in the new facilities, either for safety or practical reasons.

(i) Area beneath central ramps

Leaving this area open had been identified as a possible danger to personal safety, but brickwork erected to enclose it had been vandalised. The Consultant had made suggestions

It was suggested that this Council's experience be made known to other Councils in order to save them from further expense after the design stage.

RESOLVED

That the advice of the Police Crime Reduction Officer be sought and the Clerk to the Council be authorised to progress a solution in consultation with the Chairmen of Council and Committee. as soon as possible

(ii) Roundabout and swing area, Skate Park

For safety reasons it was recommended to extend the wooden fence that separated the roundabout and swing area from the ramps in the Skate Park.

RESOLVED

That the work be progressed.

(ii) Northern Ramp

It was recommended that the slope adjacent to the Northern ramp be concreted for practical reasons.

RESOLVED

That the work be progressed.

(iii) Slide – Young Person Play Area

It was recommended to provide additional safety barriers.

RESOLVED

That the work be progressed.

(iv) Complaints

Members discussed further the complaints that had been received about the Play Area and ways in which to solve them.

Inspector Winchester advised the Committee that he had received only a minimal number of complaints, although he accepted that there was a problem. He suggested that the small number of complaints may be due to a reluctance by the youngsters to report incidents.

Mr Dash advised Members that he had contacted the District Council's Housing Department and suggested that a higher fence be installed at the rear of the affected properties in the short term, with fast growing conifers being planted also, which would hopefully form an effective barrier in a few years.

RESOLVED

That a meeting be arranged as soon as possible between representatives of the youngsters, the Council, the Police and interested parties so that all views and suggestions can be exchanged.

b) Access by Streetwise Project

Mr Dash advised the Committee that the request had been withdrawn as the vehicle belonging to the Streetwise Project had recently been vandalised.

The Council expressed its sympathy at this news.

RESOLVED

That a letter of support be sent to the Project

c) Letter from Mr Uglow

The Chairman thanked Mr Uglow for his recent letter and advised him that most of the points covered are currently being addressed.

151/02 Cathay Gardens – Play Area

Members discussed the list of complaints that had been received from a resident of Cathay Gardens over the local Play Area. Inspector Winchester was surprised to hear of these complaints as the Police appeared not to have received any. He had visited the area on two recent occasions and found it deserted and tidy.

It was suggested that the area be used for housing and a new play area be built on land adjacent to the new Pupil Referral Unit.

RESOLVED

1. That the residents of Cathay Gardens be asked to phone the Police when any incidents occur in the Play Area.
2. That Mr Dash discuss the possibility of using some of the land adjoining the Pupil Referral Unit for re-locating the Play facilities.

152/02 Drummond Court – Amenity Land

Members considered the District Council's offer of the above amenity land plus a contribution of £2000.00 to layout and maintain the area.

RESOLVED

That the offer be accepted.

153/02 Parish Hall

Mrs McLean, Mrs Wade and Mr S Wade declared prejudicial interests and left the Meeting during the discussion and vote thereon. Mrs McLean was a close friend of two of the organisers of the Over 50's Club and Mr. & Mrs. Wade were Members of the same.

Members were asked to consider whether and charge should be made to the Over 50's Dance Club for a booking in the Parish Hall on 24 August 2002, which had been cancelled late following confusion within the Club's Organisers..

RESOLVED

That the hiring fee be waived in this instance, and the Over 50's Club warned that any future similar situations would mean that the full fee will be required.

(Mrs McLean, Mrs Wade and Mr S Wade declared an interest in this item and left the Meeting during consideration thereof. The Vice Chairman took the Chair.)

154/02 Bonfire Nuisance

A Member enquired as to the procedure for sending out notices if a constituent complained of bonfire nuisance.

It was reported that this was a District Council matter and the Chairman agreed to raise the matter with Environmental Health Services at the District Council.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chairman

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