

**MINUTES OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL  
PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ON  
MONDAY 7TH JUNE 2010**

**PRESENT:-** Messrs: Daniels, Reading, Hearsey and Buckingham  
Mesdames: Hughes Vickers and Kirsopp.

**APOLOGIES:-** Mr J Wills

**VISITING COUNCILLOR** Mrs C. Wilson

**MINUTE P&RG 050/06/10 - DECLARATION OF RESERVES:**

Mrs H Kirsopp as reserve for Mr J Wills

**MINUTE P&RG 051/06/10 – ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:**

AGREED: That Mr K Reading be elected as Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Grounds Committee

Proposed: Mr R Daniels                      Seconded: Mrs H Kirsopp                      Unanimous

**MINUTE P&RG 052/06/10 – ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:**

AGREED: That Mrs J Hughes be elected as Vice Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Grounds Committee

Proposed: Mrs H Kirsopp                      Seconded: Mr R Daniels                      Unanimous

**MINUTE P&RG 053/06/10 – DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**

Mr Hearsey in the event that the employment of Mrs Hearsey may be discussed.

**MINUTE P&RG 054/06/10 – QUESTION TIME / OPEN SESSION:**

A significant number of residents were present. They raised detailed concerns about nuisance activities occurring around Jubilee Corner, late into the night, on many occasions throughout the week.

The disturbance was unacceptable, with residents unable to open their windows in the evening, because of the noise and foul language, and the litter left was unpleasant, in addition to the dangers posed by broken glass.

A long list of incidents had been compiled, but the Police appeared to be ineffective, or unwilling to support residents' complaints. It was believed that the benches encouraged people to congregate at this point during the evenings, although others thought that, in any event, they would choose to sit on the Memorial for this kind of undesirable activity.

The Chairman indicated that these were issues for the local Police to deal with, and the Clerk drew attention to the fact that the requested designation of a Public Place Order had been refused. This would have given the Police more powers to act in these circumstances.

**MINUTE P&RG 054/06/10 QUESTION TIME OPEN SESSION Continued...**

AGREED that:

i). Residents be advised to continue to maintain a list of incidents, and to complain to the Police on every occasion, ensuring that they recorded the incident number given to them. Matters relating to incidents of adults buying alcohol for those below the age of 18 years, needed to be specific in terms of identification, and the place of purchase.

ii) Residents be advised to attend the next full Council Meeting on the 28th June by which time the Clerk will have informed the Police Community Support Officer of these concerns.

iii) The Clerk raise these complaints with CWAC officers as a matter of urgency and seriously challenge the decisions relating to the refusal to designate Jubilee Corner as a Public Place.

Proposed: Mr R. Daniels

Seconded: Mrs H Kirsopp

Unanimous

The residents were thanked for their attendance.

**MINUTE P&RG 055/06/10 – MINUTES:**

AGREED. That the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th March 2010 be approved.

Proposed: Mrs H Kirsopp Seconded: Ms V Vickers 5 For 0 Against 3 Abstentions

**MINUTE P&RG 056/06/10 – CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER COUNCIL (CWAC) –  
Contributions to Parish Play Areas:**

The Clerk reported that CWAC had responded positively to a previous request for financial support.

AGREED: That the Clerk apply for the £3,000.00 Grant Aid promised for the purchase of new equipment on the Runcorn Road Recreation Ground.

Proposed: Mrs J Hughes

Seconded: Mr R Daniels

Unanimous

**MINUTE P&RG 057/06/10 – RECREATION GROUNDS – SAFETY INSPECTIONS:**

The Clerk reported that a Litter Bin on the Nursery Road Recreation Ground had again been used as a swing, but that it required a relatively simple repair.

He also reported that the Climbing Frames on the Runcorn Road Recreation Ground had come to the end of their useful life, and that they would be removed when the new equipment was installed.

NOTED.

**MINUTE P&RG 058/06/10 – DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACE ORDER- JUBILEE CORNER:**

The Clerk reported on the letter he had received which stated that the request for a designated public place order in respect of Nursery Road and Runcorn Road Recreation Grounds, The Cemetery in Hayes Drive and Jubilee Corner had been declined.

There was considerable dismay about the nature of the CWAC decision-making process in respect of this request and it was:

AGREED:

- i). that the Clerk should make a formal complaint and seek to reapply for the Designated Public Place Orders, in respect of Jubilee Corner and our other properties, at the earliest opportunity.
- ii). that residents in close proximity to Jubilee Corner, and any other areas similarly affected, be advised of the action to be taken to support the Parish Council in its efforts to convince CWAC of the need to take more positive action.
- iii) that representatives of the Northwich Community Safety Task Group be invited to attend a future meeting of the Council in order to hear residents' complaints, should this matter not be resolved in the meantime.

Proposed: Mrs H Kirsopp

Seconded: Mrs J Hughes

Unanimous

Chairman:.....Date: 6th September 2010