

Minutes of the meeting of the **Leisure Sub-Committee** held on **12 June 2001** when there were present:

Cllr J R F Mason (Chairman)
Cllr T G Cutmore
Cllr D R Helson
Cllr A Hosking
Cllr C C Langlands
Cllr D A Weir
Cllr Mrs M J Webster

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D M Ford, J E Grey and T Livings.

SUBSTITUTES

Cllr P F A Webster.

OFFICERS PRESENT

J Bourne - Leisure & Contracts Manager
E McIlwaine - Leisure Client Officer
G Dawson - Parks Officer
A Wyatt - Committee Administrator

104 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors A Hosking and P F A Webster declared non-pecuniary interests in the items Leisure Connection Management Report (Minute 106) and Clements Hall Showers (Minute 107) by virtue of being users of facilities at Clements Hall Leisure Centre.

105 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2001 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to it being shown that Cllr Mrs Webster's interest related to Park Sports Centre and not Mill Hall.

106 LEISURE CONNECTION MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) on the latest Leisure Connection Management Report. Wendy Edwards from Leisure Connection

attended the meeting to answer Members questions relating to the report. Observations were made on certain aspects as follows:-

Clements Hall Leisure Centre

Whilst noting that a report on the proposed replacement of the showers at Clements Hall was to be discussed later in the Meeting, Members considered that a similar report advising on the current condition of the boiler system at Clements Hall be brought to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

Mill Hall Crèche

Members were disappointed to note that the usage figures for the Crèche at Mill Hall remained consistently low and considered that a new advertising campaign should be undertaken by the contractor in order to further promote the facility.

Park School

Members were advised, further to a question raised at the previous meeting, of the opening times for the bar at Park Sports Centre

Monday to Friday	-	7.00pm to 11.00pm
Saturday	-	CLOSED
Sunday	-	7.00pm to 9.00pm

Customer Satisfaction Survey

Noting that a customer satisfaction survey was reported to Members for Clements Hall Leisure Centre, Members requested that the contractor provide a customer services satisfaction survey for the other remaining facilities managed under the Leisure Contract.

RECOMMENDED

That the actions outlined above be agreed. (CD(F&ES))

107 CLEMENTS HALL SHOWERS

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) which provided Members with the information provided by the Building Services Consultant on the issues relating to the showers at Clements Hall Leisure Centre.

It was noted that the estimated costs provided in the Private & Confidential report at the end of the Agenda were for information and that the replacement showers at Clements Hall would be subject to contract Standing Orders. It was requested that once tenders had been submitted, that they be brought back to the Leisure Sub-

Committee in order for scrutiny particularly on matters relating to inconvenience to customers and also detailed plans for the timescale of the project.

RECOMMENDED

That the findings of the Consultant's report be accepted, and that agreement be given for officers to proceed with the works as described in the report, at an estimated cost as set out in the private and confidential report contained at Agenda Item 12. (CD(F&ES))

108 FREIGHT HOUSE SECURITY LIGHTS

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) which provided Members with detailed costings for the replacement of the security lights at Freight House with a vandal-resistant fitting.

In noting that replacement fittings with integral security mesh grilles were proposed to be fitted, Members requested that once tenders had been received, that they be brought back before the Sub-Committee for approval. It was further requested that officers seek the consultant's view on any quotations received. This would be at a total cost of 10% of the proposed contract sum.

RECOMMENDED

That Members agree to the replacement of the existing security lights with funding from the capital programme at an estimated cost set out in the private and confidential report contained at Agenda Item 12, subject to the points outlined above. (CD(F&ES))

109 SUMMER PLAYScheme SWIMMING PROVISION

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) which provided details of the summer playscheme swimming programme proposed for the school summer holidays.

Noting the success of previous years, Members wished their thanks to be passed on to the schools participating in the scheme and also Hullbridge Parish Council for their financial support for the scheme.

RECOMMENDED

That agreement be given to the proposals set out in the report. (CD(F&ES))

110 RAYLEIGH BOYS FOOTBALL CLUB

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) which provided Members with the outcome of the site meeting with Rayleigh Boys Football Club regarding their concerns over the condition of the football pitches at Grove and Fairview Playing Fields. Noting the details of the report, and considering there was a basis for the way forward, Members considered that the following points should also be included as matters to be further investigated by officers.

- The cost of a path to the mini-pitches at Grove playspace.
- A request to the County Council to consider the possibility of ‘no through route’ signage in the road leading to Grove Road playspace (subject to public consultation)
- The provision of signage relating to no horse riding within the area.

RECOMMENDED

That the proposals detailed in Section 4 of the report as amended above be undertaken. (CD(F&ES))

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in paragraph 8 of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

111 MAINTENANCE ESTIMATES – CLEMENTS HALL SHOWERS AND FREIGHT HOUSE LIGHTS

The Sub-Committee noted the exempt report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) which detailed the estimates for the works recommended for replacement showers at Clements Hall and replacement security lights at Freight House.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Chairman _____

Date _____