

**RECREATION AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE**  
**15 SEPTEMBER 2009**

Present: Chairman: Councillor Mrs Evans  
The Town Mayor: Councillor Leighton

Councillors: Mrs Burton                      Callow                      Gudgeon  
Hopkins                                      Parsons                      Smith  
A R Taylor                                  Mrs Winchcombe

Officers: Simon Fisher – Deputy Town Clerk  
Heather Bond

Members of the Public: Two

**242. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4 August 2009 having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**243. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies received from members.

**244. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Winchcombe declared an interest in minute number 256 as a tenant.

**245. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were two members of the public present.

**246. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – VENUES INCOME FIGURES**

The committee received and noted the report.

**247. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – VENUES – CUSTOMER SATISFACTION FEEDBACK**

The committee received and noted the report.

**248. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – VENUES – OCCUPANCY FIGURES AND WEDDING CEREMONIES AND RECEPTIONS**

The Deputy Town Clerk clarified the report for the committee and Councillor Mrs Winchcombe asked if figures could be made available showing how much was repeat business in comparison to any new business that has been generated.

**249. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – GREEN LANE PLAYING FIELDS**

The Deputy Town Clerk explained that there was no timescale at the present time. Councillor Parsons requested that officers investigate the possible solutions and report back a future meeting.

**250. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – LEIPZIG PLANTATION**

The committee received and noted the report.

**251. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – CATERING CONTRACT**

The committee received and noted the report.

**252. REPORT FOR DECISION – COMMUNITY BUILDING, WINDSOR DRIVE**

The chairman invited Mr Albert Wooldridge, Chairman of the Allotment Association, to speak to members. He advised the committee of the efforts that had been made to encourage non-association members to join in a cleaning roster but to no avail.

Much discussion then followed. It was proposed by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Hopkins and agreed

THAT the Council would remain with the status quo and that this would be reviewed in 6 months. Also that in the meantime the Council would write to allotment holders and try to encourage them to join the Allotment.

**253. REPORT FOR DECISION – VENUES MARKETING**

It was proposed by Councillor A R Taylor, seconded by Councillor Mrs Winchcombe and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the committee agrees to the production of the venues marketing folders and tri-fold leaflet produced by Resolution graphic designers as approved by the working party. In addition members noted the new logos which would be used on all future publications.

**254. QUESTION TIME**

Councillor Mrs Burton asked what the progress was on the additional bench for the by the play area on the Green. The Deputy Town Clerk advised a member of the public had requested a memorial bench for the Green and officers would pursue her interest.

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Councillor Mrs Burton asked about changing the aperture of the gate on the Green to allow it to open inwards. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that he would investigate the progress.

Councillor Gudgeon asked when the swing at the play area on the Green was going to be repaired; he was advised that it had been repaired today.

Councillor Mrs Winchcombe asked about the progress of the signage on the Green. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the working party had met today and that a report would come back to this committee.

Councillor Mrs Winchcombe asked if the branding would change on all items. The Deputy Town Clerk advised this would be the case but it would be a gradual progression.

**255. PROCEDURE: CONFIDENTIALITY OF EXEMPT BUSINESS**

It was proposed by Councillor Leighton seconded by Councillor Smith and  
AGREED

THAT In view of the confidential nature of the remaining exempt items of business to be considered, this is dealt with In Committee in the absence of the press and members of the public.