

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
LEISURE FACILITIES & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**

**held on  
TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009  
in the WHITE HILL CENTRE  
this commenced at 7.40 PM**

**PRESENT:** Chairman, Cllr. M. Benson and Councillors J. Blackburn, S. Butler,  
I. Colpitts, L. McLusky and J. Roper.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** R. Findlay, Clerk

**APOLOGIES:** All present

**The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.40pm**

**2009/001            DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None

**2009/002            MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2008**

It was **Agreed** that the Minutes are a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

**2009/003            MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2008**

War Graves: The Clerk reported that she had checked through the Council War Burials register and found three names of people buried in Welwyn Cemetery.

It was **Resolved** to visit the graves to see what condition they are in and then decide on what action to take. If they are found to be neglected the Committee will decide whether to contact the War Commission to ask if they would adopt them.

**2009/004            WHITE HILL CENTRE AND WHITE HILL CAR PARK.**

The Committee agreed to move this agenda item to the last item on the agenda.

**2009/005            ST. MARY'S CHURCHYARD.**

Tree Works: During discussion, members were unsure what number the trees in St. Mary's Churchyard were in relation to the original tree plan. It was thought one of the trees, no. T34 is one of the trees with the overhanging branches.

After discussion it was **Resolved**, as a matter of urgency, that the Clerk arrange with the Tree Surgeon to remove the branches overhanging the New Church House and also the overhanging branches from the tree encroaching over Codicote Road.

It was **Resolved** to defer consideration of the other trees works in St. Mary's Churchyard until the next meeting when a tree plan could be available.

It was **Resolved** that the Clerk look at what is left in the budget for tree work for 2008/2009 and to report on the tree work budget for 2009/2010.

**2009/006            WELWYN CEMETERY.**

The Unused Building at the Cemetery (Waiting Room): The Committee discussed possible uses for the building.

After discussion it was **Resolved** that the Clerk investigates:

1. The cost of demolishing of the building.
2. The cost of repairs to the building.

It was also **Resolved** that the matter be brought before full Council to ask if any other Councillors had any ideas.

Wooded Area of the Cemetery: After discussion it was agreed that nothing needed to be done with the area at the present time.

It was **Resolved** that the Committee would review this on an annual basis.

**2009/007**

**WHITE HILL CENTRE AND WHITE HILL CAR PARK.**

The Committee inspected the building to check on its condition. It was agreed that:

1. The small hall needed the all the panels on the walls taken down and the room redecorated.
2. The building would need to be surveyed to ascertain the cost of any repairs.
3. To consider possible uses for the building.
4. That the Clerk investigates the cost of additional lighting along Ottway Walk.
5. Check out new security for the building.

**2009/008**

**CLOSE OF MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Signed:.....

Chairman of the Leisure Facilities and Open Spaces Committee.

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