

iii) That the Chairman and Officers decide upon a suitable venue in either Whitby or Scarborough for 2011.

iv) That the other venues for 2011 be

- a. York
- b. Lake District
- c. Blackpool
- d. South Shields - half day

42. **TOWN PARK - GIANT SWING**

The Works Manager submitted a report which advised on available adaptations for the giant swing at the Town Park.

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming, seconded by Councillor Mrs E M Paylor that a spinning net be installed at a cost of £5,537.00.

It was proposed by Councillor W Curtis, seconded by Councillor P Ducker that the giant swing be removed and not replaced.

Voting took place on the proposal to remove the giant swing with no replacement, which resulted in

For 7  
Against 15

Voting took place on the proposal to install a spinning net at a cost of £5,537.00 which resulted in

For 16  
Against 7

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that the giant swing be replaced with a spinning net at a cost of £5,537.00.

43. **2011/2012 DRAFT RECREATION REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS**

The Finance Manager had submitted a draft Recreation Revenue and Capital Budget for 2011/2012 for members' consideration in respect of the Recreation Committee.

Members considered each section of the Budgets for the Recreation Committee.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that the report be received.

**CHAIRMAN**

- (vi) Possibility of target golf being introduced on the driving range during the winter with yardage marker lengths being checked.
- (vii) Costs obtained for the heightening of the driving range fence at the rear.
- (viii) Golf fees for juniors to be considered for possible reduction.
- (ix) That the 150 yard markers on the middle of the fairways be changed to give a more visual effect to golfers.

38. **OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX**

The Town Clerk and Golf Professional submitted a report for the six weeks ended the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2010. The report gave comparative income statistics for the same period in 2009 along with the six monthly usage figures.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that the report be received.

39. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX - USAGE COMPARISONS**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report for the six weeks ended the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2010. The report gave statistical information regarding attendance and income at the complex for August and September 2010 compared with August and September 2009.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that the report be received.

40. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX**

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which updated members on activities planned gave details of repairs and staffing changes. The report also gave information regarding the current achievements on the Service Plan Targets and Actions.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that the report be received.

41. **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

The Leisure and Environment Assistant submitted a report which requested members to consider whether to amend the age at which applicants may apply for the Senior Citizens' Excursions in line with the state pension age. The report also requested members to consider the venues for 2011.

The Leisure Manager submitted a report which gave information regarding the Fun in the Parks which was held during the summer months.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended

- i) That the report be received.
- ii) That the eligible age for applicants for the Senior Citizens' Excursions remain at 60 for both men and women.

## **2010 Show**

- i) That a refund of £40 be made to Mrs O'Hara for one day's hire of a trade stand.
- ii) That no refund be made to Mrs Holmes for the trade stand booking.

## **2011 Show**

- iii) That a date deadline for stands be set.
- iv) That Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club and Excel Centre be advised that they had broken the terms of hire of their stands at the 2010 Show and any further breaches would not be accepted.
- v) That the 'A' Factor competition be not held in 2011.
- vi) That officers investigate the possibility of different community involvement events in the Playhouse Marquee and Arena.
- vii) Officers obtain a quotation for the hire of a complete stage for the Playhouse marquee.
- viii) That a price be obtained for Teesdale Flyball.
- ix) That the Honda Dockland Imps be engaged for both days at a cost of £5,210
- x) That Happy Dogs North East be engaged for both days at a cost of £600.00
- xi) That cost and availability be sought for the Pre-He Men.
- xii) That cost and availability be sought for V.E.R.A. including the American Jeep static display.

## **2012 Show**

- xiii) That cost and availability be sought for Stannage International Stunt Team
- xiv) That cost and availability be sought for 'have a go' activities.

## **37 GOLF COURSE WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Golf Course Working Group held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2010 were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming, seconded by Councillor V Raw and

**RESOLVED** - that the notes and the recommendations of the Golf Course Working Group held on 29<sup>th</sup> September be agreed.

- (i) Programme of cleaning for the buggies.
- (ii) Officers to look into the feasibility of screening the embankment wall on the 1<sup>st</sup> Fairway.
- (iii) Consider alterations to tee positions to help keep the course in play during wet weather.
- (iv) Greenkeeper and Professional to look at ways to increase yardage of the course.
- (v) Look at the possibility of re-opening the original 9<sup>th</sup> medal tee for use during certain competitions only.

Minutes of the meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010** at **7.40 p.m.**

**PRESENT**      **Councillor B Hall**, (Chairman) and  
Councillors W M Blenkinsopp, T R Bowman, Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare, V Crosby, W Curtis, Mrs M Dalton, P Ducker, R S Fleming, G C Gray, I Gray, Mrs J Gray, B Haigh, Mrs S Haigh, K Henderson, T Hogan, M Iveson, W Iveson, Mrs A Palmer, Mrs E M Paylor, Mrs V M Raw and A Warburton

**OFFICIALS**    Mrs C Walton (Corporate & Policy Officer)  
Mr D Austin (Finance Manager)  
Mr S Cooper (Environment Officer)  
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)  
Miss J Simpson (Leisure Manager)  
Mr D Thompson (Works Manager)  
Mr N Whinham (Golf Professional)

32.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs D Bowman and Mrs S J Iveson.

33.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

34.    **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

35.    **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming, seconded by Councillor W Curtis and

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

36.    **SHOW WORKING GROUP NOTES**

Notes and recommendations from the meetings of the Show Working Group held on the 27<sup>th</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010 were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor W M Blenkinsopp, seconded by Councillor Mrs E M Paylor and

**RESOLVED** - that the notes and the following recommendations of the Show Working Group held on 27<sup>th</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010 be agreed.