

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am to inform you that a meeting of the **RECREATION COMMITTEE** will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014** (immediately following the meeting of the Environment Committee which itself commences at 7.15 p.m.).

Yours faithfully,

**Town Clerk.**

### **AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

2. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

To consider written requests for dispensations from members who have declared interests under Disclosable or Non-Disclosable pecuniary interests – Section 33 of the 2011 Localism Act.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To notify of any items that appear in the agenda in which you may have an interest that has not been recorded in the Members Register of Interests.

4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Members of the public are permitted to make representations, ask questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Questions will not be received by the Council which are in furtherance of a person's individual circumstances or which are about a matter where there is a right of appeal to the courts, a tribunal or government minister. A question will not be received by the Council where the issue it concerns has been the subject of a decision of the Council in the last six months.

5. **MINUTES**

To receive as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 2 July 2014.

... 6. **FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP**

To consider the notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Festival Working Group held on the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

... 7. **OAK LEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT**

To consider the attached report from the Golf Manager and the Town Clerk for the nine weeks ended the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

... 8. **OAK LEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – USAGE COMPARISONS**

To consider the attached report from the Leisure Manager for the nine weeks ended the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

... 9. **OUTSIDE EVENTS**

To consider the attached report from the Leisure Manager and the Leisure and Environment Assistant.

... 10. **SQUASH COURTS – OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX**

To consider the attached information in respect of a possible change to the policy for playing on squash courts.

... 11. **SENIOR CITIZENS' EXCURSIONS**

To consider the attached report from the Leisure and Environment Assistant.

12. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

To consider the following Notice of Motion from Councillor A.M. Chandran:-

The Council affirms that its policy on West Park is as follows:-

- i) That this Park is to be viewed as a Recreation Amenity first and foremost for use and enjoyment by the general public. Wildlife are a welcome addition but not the primary purpose of the Park. Its primary purpose is to serve the public as an amenity open space, with play equipment and other recreational use, similar to the Parks at Woodham, Simpasture, Moore Lane, St Oswalds, Byerly Park, Horndale and Town Park.
- ii) The West Park Lakes are to be managed for recreational purposes and kept as clean and clear as is possible from Weed/Algae and other detritus, this to be done within budgeted costs unless otherwise agreed by the Full Council.
- iii) That this Council supports and maintains a balance between the parks green open space and the existing flora and fauna.
- iv) This Council believes that Moore Lane Eco Centre, Aycliffe Nature Park, School Aycliffe Wetlands area, Byerly Park Nature reserve, Aycliffe Angling Pond, Cobblers Hall Plantation, North & South Agnew Plantations and the County Council lake facility at Ropemoor, within the Parish, already more than adequately facilitate Wildlife, Aquatic pond life and bio diversity.
- v) That this Council authorises the Volunteers of the Friends of West Park to continue to keep the lakes clear of Weed/Algae and other detritus and to continue to consult and work in partnership with the Council and appropriate staff at all times.
- vi) That in consultation with the Chair of Recreation and Policy and Resources Committees, Officers may seek consultant/expert advice, at a reasonable cost, on the continued maintenance of the lakes related to Water flow and their cleaning.

... 13. **HORNDALE MUGA**

To consider the attached report from the Works Manager.

... 14. **SMOKE FREE PLAY PARKS CONSULTATION**

To consider the attached consultation information from Durham County Council.

15. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

... 16. **GOLF WORKING GROUP NOTES**

To consider the notes and recommendations from the meeting of the Golf Working Group held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Councillors E. Adam, J. Atkinson, B. Blenkinsopp, R. Bowman, A.M. Chandran, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, N. Collinson, Mrs. M. Dalton, M.A. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, I. Gray, G.C. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, Mrs. I. Hewitson, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, P. Kjenstad, Mrs. V.M. Raw, D. Summers, T. Twissell and C. Wheeler.