



# Sodbury Town Council

## Minutes of the meeting of Environment & Leisure Committee 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019, Sodbury Council Offices

**Committee Members:** Councillors B Allen, S Gibson, C Hays (Vice Chair), P O'Rourke (Chairman), P Smith, A Williams

**Present:** Cllrs. Brenda Allen, Chris Hays, Phil O'Rourke, P Smith, A Williams

Cate Davidson – Town Clerk  
Jackie Stallard – Assistant Clerk

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1. **Apologies**  
Cllr S Gibson absent.
  2. **Declarations of Interest**  
None to report
  3. **Approval of Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018**  
**Resolved** the Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 are approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
  4. **Matters Arising**  
None to report.
  5. **Budgets**  
Members received and noted the current spend to date for this committee as circulated.
  6. **Public Conveniences**  
The Committee noted that vandalism continued to be an issue and a full discussion took place on how best to resolve/alleviate the on-going problem. The following points were considered:
    - The Town Council is not under any legal obligation to provide facilities
    - Different opening hours have been tried and it is noted that much of the misuse happens during the day
    - The charging system has problems in that the door can be pulled open
    - One resolution could be that a cleaner is employed to visit several times a day
    - CCTV signage has been put up in the location of the toilets
    - CCTV cannot be installed to look inside the toilets therefore if a camera was installed to oversee the building then footage could not be used to prosecute

It was **RESOLVED** to make a recommendation to Full Council that consideration be given to closing the facility and to carry out a public consultation. Survey questions would be drafted and circulated to Committee Members by the Clerk in preparation for Full Council.

In addition, a complainant had attended the office and raised several concerns/incidents including a lack of Radar key access, someone sleeping in the facility, wet floor and people pushing in when queuing. Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED** the Clerk respond that the frustrations were understood but that unfortunately the incidents were out of the TC's control.

**7. Old Sodbury Play Area**

Due to the "springer" being beyond repair, various examples of a replacement were circulated to Members. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** not to replace the equipment but to accrue funds and plan for a complete refurbishment as and when sufficient funding became available. In addition, Cllr Williams confirmed he would liaise with the Village Hall with regard to setting up a committee that may be able to access lottery funding. The "springer" would be removed and Clerk to liaise with B. Janes with regard to its removal.

**8. Items to report**

None to report

**9. Date of next meeting: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

The meeting closed at 20:10

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Dated ..... 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2019 ..... -