

**SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS TOWN COUNCIL
LEISURE COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of a Meeting held on Tuesday 29th January 2019, at 8.00pm at
Champions Manor Hall

Present

Councillor R Weir – Ewing (Chairman)
Councillor L Kelly (Vice Chairman)

Councillor K Bentley

Councillor A John

In attendance: Town Clerk and Councillor Shearring

L335 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were **RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED** from Councillor Crosbie, Humphrey, Coley, Eley, O'Brien, Birch, Wyatt and Massey.

L336 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

L337 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2018 were **APPROVED** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

L338 Public Questions

No members of the public were present.

L339 Budgetary Position

The current budgetary position as at 22nd January 2019 as attached to the agenda was **AGREED**.

L340 Events Sub Committee

The committee noted the Events Sub Committee report as attached to the agenda, extract below:

Events Sub Committee Report

- Christmas Fayre 2019 to take place on Saturday 16th November 2019.
- Senior Citizens Christmas Buffet Lunch 2019 - The Senior Citizens Christmas Buffet Lunch 2019 will be held on Friday 6th December 2019 from 12.30pm till 3.00pm. It was **AGREED** to book Angie Gilbey as the entertainer for the Senior Citizens Christmas Buffet Lunch 2019.
- Fun on the Bandstand 2019 - **AGREED** to book Club Woodham for these dates at a cost of £25 per day as a backup location in case of bad weather.
- Children's Christmas Party 2018 and 2019 - The Children's Christmas Party 2019 will be held on Sunday 15th December 2019 from 12.30pm till 3.00pm.

It was AGREED to book Bam Bam as the entertainer for the Children's Christmas Party 2019.

- It was AGREED to not hold the Fireworks Display 2019/2020 as it is not considered viable due to possible financial losses.

L341 Officers Report

The Committee noted the officers report as attached to the agenda.

L342 Public Slipway access at Marsh farm Road

As discussed at Council on 8th January this item is on the Highways Panel but there is nothing in next year's budget so it's unlikely there will be any progress, it's classified as a 'local road' with very little traffic and so would not be considered a priority. Committee AGREE to monitor the item on the Highways Panel, whilst it is low priority there are concerns that the item will be removed from the list in the next financial year if not regularly chased.

L343 Projects 2019/20

- Crabbing Ramp at the Yacht Club

Proposal: Due to environmental restrictions highlighted by Crouch Harbour, Committee not to proceed with this project
Proposed: Councillor R Weir-Ewing
Seconded: Councillor John
Vote: Carried, all in favour

- Older Children's Play Equipment

Proposal: No budget to be set at this time, Officer to carry out a feasibility study of the John Cox area as a possible location of the outdoor equipment
Proposed: Councillor Bentley
Seconded: Councillor John
Vote: Carried

L344 Allotments John Cox Site

Clerk reported that for pre planning advice to be received the vehicular access to the site needs to be defined. Councillor Massey has provided land registry details of the access road to the recycling centre and this option does not appear to be viable.

Jon Herbert from Troy Planning recommended not to proceed with the development of allotments at this stage and a wait the new development of the land north of Burnham Road, as the new developer could be requested to provide allotments.

Committee request that a pre planning application advice is submitted detailing the allotment location with the current car parking area detailed as the allotment car parking area.

L345 Youth Club Working Party

Youth Club Working Party report was sent as separate attachment on 31/1/19 after the Leisure meeting.

L346 Christmas Lights and Christmas tree 2018

Committee stated that the lighting scheme and tree was very successful, Councillor R Weir Ewing stated that Chelmsford has a blanket of lights which may be an attractive addition for Heralds Way, Councillor Weir Ewing to liaise with Karen Dean nearer the time. 2019 is the last year that the Town Council are in current contract with the current supplier.

Thanks have been forwarded to Chelmsford City Council for the donation of the tree, it is hoped that a tree will be provided for 2019.

L347 Naming of the Uniformed Youth Road

Chelmsford City Council has advised that this may be possible but that it is not a quick process.

L348 Report to Council

No items to report to the next Council meeting 5th March 2019.

L349 Media Coverage

No items requiring a press release.

L350 Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Leisure Committee is to be held on Tuesday 26th March 2019

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

Signed.....
Chairman of the Meeting

Date: 26th March 2019