



## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

**MEETING:** ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
**LOCATION:** ROSE RENT ROOM, THE TYTHINGS.  
**DATE & TIME:** MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2016 at 7:30PM

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23/05/2016

## **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.
3. Declarations of Interest.
4. Public Question Time.
5. Capital Projects
6. Balloon Release/ Chinese lantern policy
7. Yateley United Fees
8. Cemetery Fees
9. Community Transport
10. Information Items.

## **AGENDA ITEM 5**

### **Capital Projects**

**Basketball project-** The total cost of the basketball project was £3800. We have secured £1000 from Cllr Collett and £500 from the HPFA which leaves a balance of £2800.

**Darby Green Pond-** Cllr Murr had a meeting with the Blackwater Valley Trust and BVCP. They are keen to get involved in the pond restoration project. Attached is a project breakdown. Funding required from us is £2000 plus £500 per year ongoing. We may also need to approach

**Wheelchair Swing/Inclusive Seat-** Members will remember that at the February meeting the possibility of the wheelchair swing was discussed. The committee had decided against it based on advice from several play companies that the swing is not suited to a park environment, doesn't conform to British Standards and would need to be fenced. This advice still stands, although Newbury Town Council have just installed one in Victoria Park and are unconcerned by this.

We now also have a quote for an inclusive swing seat for our existing swings which is £779.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6**

### **Balloon Release/ Chinese lantern policy**

Members are asked to consider adopting a policy of banning balloon and Chinese lantern releases on our land, following a campaign from the marine conservation society. Details of their campaign can be found here

[http://www.mcsuk.org/what we do/Clean+seas+and+beaches/Campaigns+and+policy/Don't+let+go+-+balloons+and+sky+lanterns](http://www.mcsuk.org/what_we_do/Clean+seas+and+beaches/Campaigns+and+policy/Don't+let+go+-+balloons+and+sky+lanterns)

## **AGENDA ITEM 7**

### **Yateley United Pitch Fees**

At the Environment Committee on 19 October 2015, Members agreed to review the football pitch hire charges for the coming season.

A review of costs shows a monthly cost to the Council of £675 per month, which covers pitch maintenance, marking and cleaning the changing rooms. Currently YUFC are charged £200 per month for a block booking on Saturday and Sunday.

Previously members had been advised that only the adult teams use the changing rooms and fees were set accordingly (ie no fee was charged for hire or cleaning of the changing rooms) We have been informed that all teams are currently using the changing rooms.

Members may wish to consider moving away from a block booking and towards charging for each pitch used, as we did previously. This would also allow other teams to hire the pitches. In 2014 the price per adult pitch (including changing rooms and VAT) was £59 and the price per junior pitch (not including changing but including VAT) was £32. For comparison Frogmore charges £74 per match (£39 Juniors)

Members are asked to discuss and agree the hire charges for the 16/17 season (September 2016 – April 2017)

## **AGENDA ITEM 8**

### **Cemetery Fees**

Members are asked to set up a working group to look at the Heathlands Cemetery fees and report back to committee in time for budget discussion in November.

## **AGENDA ITEM 9**

### **Community Transport**

Attached is a draft of the completed Community Transport questionnaire. This must be submitted on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>. Members are asked for their comments and amendments.

## **AGENDA ITEM 10**

### **Previous Items Update**

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| Grass Verges  | Members to compile list                        |
| Heathlands Cemetery                                 | Work to restore graves on-going                |
| Antisocial behaviour Tythings/ Catch for front door | Latch lock has been fitted to door.            |
| Basketball Courts                                   | Included in list of potential Capital Projects |
| Hall Hire Charges                                   | Next meeting due in June                       |
| Inclusive swing                                     | Included on list of potential capital projects |
| Darby Green FC alterations to DG.                   | Ongoing  |

### **Yateley Celebration Picnic**

Members are reminded about the picnic on the Green to celebrate 70 years since the Yateley Victory Day celebrations and Her Majesty the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. 12<sup>th</sup> June from 2.00-5pm on Yateley Green.