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WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15 September at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Compton (Chairman); Councillors Attwood, Aujla, Mrs Begg, Boad, Mrs Boad, Butler, Byrd, Caborn, Mrs Clayton, Cleaver, Cockburn, Coker, Copping, Crowther, Darmody, Davis, Doody, Dove, Dray, Mrs Edwards, Evans, Ms Flanagan, Gifford, Gill, Golby, Mrs Goode, Harris, Kent, Kirton, Kohler, Mrs Leddy, MacKay, Mrs Pavier, Shilton, Short, Talbot, Tamlin, Thomas, Wooller.

279. **PRAYER**

A prayer was offered by the Chairman's Chaplain.

280. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Evans, Guest, Hammon, Mrs Hodgetts and Jackson.

281. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 July 1999, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

282. **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- (A) It was reported that Councillor Jackson had been re-admitted to hospital and the Chairman agreed to convey the best wishes of the Council to him for a rapid recovery.
- (B) The Chairman reported that a charity dance was being organised for 19 November 1999 at 8.00 pm in the Town Hall, Leamington Spa in conjunction with the Mayors of Leamington Spa and Warwick, in aid of the Myton Hospice. Tickets were available from her Secretary and the Mayors and she encouraged members of the Council to attend.

283. **MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS**

- (A) A petition sponsored by Councillor Mrs M A Begg was presented:

"We, the undersigned, being residents of The Spinney off Rugby Road in Milverton, feel our area is being neglected and we want the Council to carry out the following improvements:

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1. The Council should adopt, protect and maintain the fencing and landscaping fronting our houses at the rear of Highfield Terrace. This area has recently been damaged by the construction of a car access. We want the Council to refuse any further applications of this nature. The alleyway is blocked with rubbish and the fencing needs repair or replacement.
2. The green area fronting Rugby Road needs trimming back on a regular basis to make the access to The Spinney safe and ensure the footpath on Rugby Road is kept clear. There are dead trees which need removing.
3. The road surface is full of potholes and needs repairing.
4. Double yellow lines are needed at the junction of The Spinney and Rugby Road to prevent parked vehicles making it dangerous to exit on to the main road.
5. The street lighting is inadequate and this makes residents feel insecure.
6. Children climb over the wall at the end of The Spinney on to the railway line and cross over the Goodfellow Street. This should be prevented by raising the height of the wall or creating a barrier."

RESOLVED that the petition be referred to the Development Committee.

284. **QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 7(2)**

- (A) From Councillor D Golby to the Chair of the Health & Control Committee:-

"To ask the Chair of the Health & Control Committee what investigations have taken place by the Council, and what actions, if any, are proposed to prevent a recurrence of the flooding which occurred in Kenilworth on August 8 when areas and properties were flooded that were not normally so affected."

Councillor R H Attwood, Chair of the Health & Control Committee, replied:-

- "(1) Each resident affected by flooding from the public sewers will have their problem individually investigated to determine source of problem.
- (2) Flooding from private sewers is being investigated by Environmental Health.
- (3) The rainfall on 8 August was of such high intensity, over a long period

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that it was outside the normal design criteria for the public sewer network.

- (4) In accordance with Council policy private watercourses and screens have been checked (where possible) to make sure the water is free flowing. It appears Wimpey Homes who are presently constructing new homes at Mill End, Kenilworth obstructed the open ditch section of the Tanyard brook running through their site and this would seem to be the main cause of flooding in the area on that night. This blockage was removed as a matter of urgency. Further investigations have taken place into problems with Railtrack to inspect the section of watercourse in their ownership. Railtrack are to submit to Warwick District Council a programme of works when the cleansing of the watercourse in their ownership will be undertaken.
- (5) An initial report from Engineering, on 8 August flooding is to be considered by members of Development Committee on 20 September and Health and Control Committee at their meeting on 22 September”.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Golby asked the Chair:-

"Can the design criteria for the public sewers be reconsidered in view of the increase expected in rainfall level in the years to come?"

In reply, Councillor Attwood said:-

"Those are set nationally as you are probably aware. We can make representations but the decision making process is at national level. In the Development Services plan, there is a move to set up a multi agency to tackle all sorts of problems that are associated with flood water. So we look forward to progress being made on this, and I am grateful for the officers moving so quickly on this".

285. **STRATEGY COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Dove, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the meeting of the Strategy Committee dated 7 September 1999, be approved and adopted subject to the inclusion of the following additional item:-

276(F) MEMBERSHIP OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED that the appointment of Councillor MacKay for Councillor Kirton on the Economic and Community Development Sub-Committee be confirmed.

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286. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Crowther and duly seconded that the report of the Development Committee dated 19 July 1999, be approved and adopted.

(A) Parklands Avenue, Lillington, Royal Leamington Spa - provision of bus shelter.

First Amendment: It was moved by Councillor Crowther and duly seconded that the decision set out in minute 205 be referred back for further consideration.

On a vote being taken, the amendment was declared carried.

(B) Adoption of Report

The original motion was then put to the meeting and declared carried.

287. LEISURE COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Darmody, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Leisure Committee dated 20 July 1999, be approved and adopted.

288. HEALTH AND CONTROL COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Mrs Clayton, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Health and Control Committee dated 21 July 1999, be approved and adopted.

289. CONTRACT SERVICES

It was moved by Councillor Tamlin, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Contract Services Board dated 26 July 1999, be approved and adopted.

290. HOUSING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Dray, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the report of the Housing Committee dated 2 August 1999, be approved and adopted.

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291. **PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Tamlin, duly seconded and

RESOLVED that the reports of the meetings of the Plans Sub-Committee dated 13 and 29 July, and 9 August 1999, be approved and adopted.

292. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

(A) It was moved by Councillor M F Coker and duly second:-

"In the light of the noise and general nuisance suffered by residents of Brookside Avenue and Fishponds Road, Kenilworth resulting from the siting of the skateboard ramp on Castle Farm that this Council will reconsider the resiting of the ramp or other measures to alleviate the nuisance suffered by local residents. This will also take into account a petition requesting removal of the ramp."

RESOLVED that the motion stand referred to the Leisure Committee.

(B) It was move by Councillor Mrs M A Begg and duly seconded:-

"The District Council should work with the County Council to set up a Youth Forum or Council to enable young people in this area to participate in both national and local decision making."

RESOLVED that the motion stand referred to the Strategy Committee.

(C) It was moved by Councillor B Kirton and duly seconded:-

"Members may recall that when original discussion on skateboarding took place the view was expressed that if the four skateboard ramps were well used consideration would be given to extending some of the smaller type to allow use by more youngsters. The board provided in Acre Close, Whitnash, has to the credit of both parents and children been used responsibly and taken care of. The board however is one of the smallest in the District and is capable of extension at reasonable cost. It has benefited both the youngsters of Whitnash and the community and it would be a fitting reward to both parents and children of the town if it were extended. I would therefore propose that the Leisure Committee be asked to review the present scheme to:-

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- (1) review existing provision and where successful consider extending the facility; and
- (2) consider the rural areas for similar provision."

RESOLVED that the motion stand referred to the Leisure Committee.

(D) It was moved by Councillor A J L Cockburn and duly seconded:-

"That in the light of the events of August 8th 1999, when properties in the Mill End and other areas of Kenilworth were seriously affected by flooding resulting from the nearby housing development, the District Council be asked:

- (1) To enforce all appropriate regulations in order to clear the Tanyard Stream and culvert of obstructions, and to keep them clear to alleviate any further flooding problems.
- (2) To carry out a survey of the drainage system, with particular attention to known "black spots" with a view to regular inspections taking place, to forestall future flooding resulting from obstructions."

RESOLVED that the motion stand referred to the Health and Control Committee.

293. **SECTION 92, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In addition to Members who had already disclosed their interest in the appropriate Committee and Sub-Committee Minutes the following declared their interest in respect of the Minutes set out in columns (1) and (2) below and, when the Minutes were discussed by the Council, took no part in the discussion and did not vote.

(Those shown with * indicate Members who left the meeting whilst the matter was under discussion.)

<u>Minute</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Person declaring interest</u>
276(D)	Appendix K - Resources Sub-Committee - Minute 6 -(pecuniary, substantial) Leamington House Network	Councillor Gifford*

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294. **COMMON SEAL**

It was

RESOLVED that the Common Seal of Warwick District Council be affixed to such deeds and documents as may be required for implementing decisions of the Council arrived at this day.

(The meeting ended at 7.00 p.m)

CHAIRMAN

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