

## **RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE**

### **REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2002**

- PRESENT** Councillor Mrs Bickley – in the Chair
- Councillors J S Clark, Mrs Cole, Mrs Cruse, J Johnston, M Johnston,  
Mrs Mason, Palmer, Terry, Whitfield
- Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council
- APOLOGIES** Councillor Pickering

#### **RW457 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor M Johnston – Personal interest in Minute No RW460.

#### **RW458 SLADE ROAD PLAY AREA**

Further to Minute No. RW435 the Clerk now reported on the three quotations received for the works to the footpaths and steps at Slade Road Play Area.

During the ensuing discussion members expressed the opinion that the steps should be tarmaced for safety reasons and therefore

RECOMMENDED that

The quotation from contractor 2 in the sum of £2,160 be accepted.

#### **RW459 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS**

- (a) 1<sup>st</sup> North Weston Brownies – Storage cupboard and pack holiday expenses

RECOMMENDED that 1<sup>st</sup> North Weston Brownies be awarded a grant of £335, to be spent as follows –

£75 towards a new storage cupboard  
£260 towards the cost of a coach for pack holiday

- (b) Portishead Town Band – 2002 Music Festival

The Committee noted that due to the Festival's success the Band had been accepted into the International Federation of Music Festivals and would now be promoted nationally. However, this had resulted in increased costs as Federation adjudicators, who used a standardised marking scheme, had to be used.

RECOMMENDED that Portishead Town Band be awarded a grant of £500 towards the 2002 Music Festival.

- (c) Portishead Highlights and Lowlights – Concert Tour to Schweich as part of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Twinning Celebrations

Members noted that this was a re-submission of a previous application (RW422(c) refers) which had been withdrawn as the planned August 2001 trip to Schweich had to be cancelled due to the foot and mouth crisis.

RECOMMENDED that Portishead Highlights and Lowlights be awarded a grant of £500 towards their Concert Tour to Schweich in August 2002.

#### **RW460 NORTH WESTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

The Committee received a request from the North Weston Village Hall Committee for new tables to be provided for the Village Hall. The Clerk confirmed that the 14 tables could be provided at a cost of approximately £500.

RECOMMENDED that 14 tables, costing approximately £500, be provided for North Weston Village Hall.

#### **RW461 PROPOSED SKATEBOARD PARK**

Further to Minute No. RW444 the Committee now received an update report from Councillor Mrs Cruse.

In particular, Councillor Mrs Cruse reported that further discussions had led the working party to investigate more fully the possibility of providing a skateboard facility on the open space at Merlin Park. Subsequently, a meeting to discuss the matter was held with residents and this had resulted in a proposal to provide a small, local facility, provided that some sort of noise deadening system was in place. Mrs Cruse confirmed that a larger piece of equipment could still be provided elsewhere in the town and a suitable site was being investigated.

Members noted that planning permission for the skateboard facility would be required.

RECOMMENDED that Sue Rogers (NSC Park Ranger) be asked to draw up a detailed plan so that a planning application for a skateboard facility at Merlin Park open space can be submitted to North Somerset Council.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm