

## **RECREATION & WORKS COMMITTEE**

### **REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2003**

**PRESENT** Councillor Mrs R Cruse – in the Chair

Councillor Mrs Bickley, M Johnston, J Johnston, Mrs Mason,  
Pickering, Walters, Whitfield

Mrs P Rendle – Clerk of the Council

**APOLOGIES** Councillor J S Clark, Palmer

#### **RW496 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Cruse

- Personal Interest in Minute No. 500 - Complaint regarding CCTV control box and positioning of camera pole at Cabstand  
Reason – Treasurer of Chamber of Trade

#### **RW497 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS**

- (a) Portishead Senior Citizens Forum – 1<sup>st</sup> Year start up and operating costs.

RECOMMENDED that Portishead Senior Citizens Forum be awarded a grant of £150 towards their 1<sup>st</sup> year start up and operating costs.

- (b) Rotary Club of Weston-super-Mare – Safety Zone Project.

The Committee deferred a decision on this item as they considered that they did not have enough information in respect of the usage of the Safety Zone Project by Portishead schools. The Committee also asked that the views of the Portishead Rotary Club be sought and a member be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee.

#### **RW498 2003/2004 GRASS CUTTING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

The Clerk submitted a report detailing the quotations received for grass cutting and grounds maintenance of the Town Council-owned play areas for 2003/2004.

RECOMMENDED that the contract for the grass cutting and grounds maintenance of the Town Council-owned play areas for 2003/2004 be awarded to Serviceteam. The contractors to be informed that, in view of the poor quality of certain aspects of the 2002/2003 contract, the Council would be monitoring the 2003/2004 contract very closely and expect Serviceteam to uphold their assurance that the standard would be improved. Serviceteam to also be informed that the contract would be reviewed again for 2004/2005.

**RW499**

**PROJECT TO REPLACE STEPS LEADING TO BEACH BELOW WINDMILL PUBLIC HOUSE**

Councillor M Johnston informed the Committee that the Gordano Society had secured £10,000 towards the cost of replacing the steps leading to the beach below the Windmill Public House from Yansec. This was estimated to be 50% of the total project cost (as at summer 2002 prices). Councillor Johnston and Councillor Walters also confirmed that a bid for additional funding would shortly be submitted to the North Somerset Council North Area Fund but it was uncertain if this would be successful or how much would be awarded. Councillor M Johnston asked the Town Council to consider a grant of £6,000 towards the project.

The Committee were very supportive of this project and, after viewing the plans and receiving clarification on the materials to be used,

RECOMMENDED that a grant of £6,000 be awarded towards the project to replace the steps leading to the beach below the Windmill Public House, £3,000 to be allocated from the 2003/2004 environmental enhancement budget and £3,000 from general reserves.

**RW500**

**COMPLAINT REGARDING CCTV CONTROL BOX AND POSITIONING OF CAMERA POLE AT CABSTAND**

The Committee received a complaint about the position of the CCTV control box and camera pole at Cabstand from Mr John Stratton, the proprietor of Gordano Carpets, who was experiencing problems manoeuvring lengths of carpet in and out of his premises.

Whilst members sympathised with Mr Stratton and acknowledged the difficulties being experienced, they felt unable to consider his request for the pole and box to be relocated due to a lack of technical knowledge.

It was AGREED that Councillor Mrs Cruse and Councillor Whitfield would arrange to meet Mr Crees (NSC CCTV Manager) and Mr Stratton on site as a matter of urgency. Councillor Mrs Cruse was asked to report back to the next meeting of the Town Council.

*(Clerk's Note – Councillor Mrs Cruse and Councillor Whitfield subsequently met with Mr Crees and Mr Stratton on 1.4.03. Mr Stratton acknowledged that the CCTV pole and box cannot be moved currently and interim measures have been agreed to deal with the problem. The matter will be reviewed in conjunction with the Cabstand highway works).*

**RW501**

**BRISTOL ROAD PLAYING FIELD – APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES AUTHORISING DIRECT ACCESS TO THE FIELD**

The Clerk reminded members that some years ago, a number of residents of Bristol Road were granted 5-year licences authorising direct access from their premises to the Bristol Road Playing Field. These licences were now due for renewal. In addition, two further applications for licences had been received.

After receiving confirmation from the Clerk that the licences had been drawn up legally and that they contained a clause banning the exercising of dogs on the playing field it was

RECOMMENDED that

- (a) Licences authorised direct access to Bristol Road Playing Field be granted to Mrs Kathryn Williams, 18 Bristol Road and Mrs K Leonard, 24 Bristol Road.
- (b) Existing licences for nos.10, 12, 14, 16 and 32 Bristol Road be renewed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm