

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PUBLIC LAND & OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE HELD ON  
23 SEPTEMBER 2008 AT THE OFFICES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, THE OLD COURT  
HOUSE, SAFFRON ROAD, BIGGLESWADE**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs W Smith (Chair), Cllr G Wilson (Vice Chair), Cllr Mrs R Forbes, Cllr Mrs J Lawrence,  
Cllr P Rook, Cllr D Smith.  
Rob McGregor – Works Manager  
Members of the Public - 1

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr S Watkins

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

(a) **Prejudicial interests in any agenda item** - There were no declarations of interest.

(b) **Personal interests in any agenda item** - There were no declarations of interest.

**3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There were no matters discussed during the public open session.

**4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**a. Recommendations following the Walkabout**

**i. Drove Road Cemetery**

Members considered repairs to brick work on Cemetery Chapel walls.

It was **RESOLVED** that Council would obtain quotations to carry out repairs to the brickwork and to obtain quotations for the building to be waterproofed.

**ii. Furzenhall Recreation Ground**

Members considered fencing the whole site, to include installation of Basketball Net and replacement Goal Posts.

It was **RESOLVED** that the broken fencing is removed, that the Residents Association provide a Goal Post and Basket Ball net with their own funding and a formal agreement is put into place whereby the Town Council give the residents permission to maintain the site and that regular meetings are set up between the Town Councils Public Land and Open Space Committee and the Residents Association.

**iii. Berkley Close**

Members considered replacing broken fencing with new reinforced fencing.

It was **RESOLVED** that quotations be obtained for fencing, that a 'No Ball Game' sign be erected and landscaping is carried out on the sight.

**b. Cemetery Issues**

Members considered issues relating to Stratton Way and Drove Road Cemeteries.

The Chair gave a brief outline on matters pertaining to both Stratton Way and Drove Road Cemetery.

It was **RESOLVED** that due to the nature of the business, that it be deferred to the Personnel Committee to deal with.

c. **River Ivel – Biggleswade Mill Fishing Rights**

Members considered Correspondence received from a member of the public seeking clarification regarding ownership of land alongside River Ivel and fishing rights.

It was **RESOLVED** that a comprehensive letter is written explaining the Councils position regarding ownership and fishing rights.

5. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There were no matters discussed during the public open session.

