

Notes from special meeting

Held on 13th October 2010 at 7pm in the Council Chamber

Present:

Cllrs A Jones, Prichard, Newman, Rowlands, Burton and Price.

Tony Bain, Karen Perkins, Catherine Ketteringham, Lindsay Ketteringham and Bob Greenough.

Cllr A Jones opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. She said the meeting was to come to an agreement about the pavilion as it is not getting cleaned. Chris Dodds cleans the pavilion at the beginning of the camping season, but it needs cleaning after each camping session.

Mr Ketteringham said there were about 5 events a year where camping was involved. Green Events representatives said that although people camp to attend events, they did not see it as their company's responsibility to clean the facility.

Mr Bain said he had cleaned up after the Red Kite Bash, he had moved all the rubbish and mopped out the showers and loos which took him about an hour. He asked why the charge is per tent and not per person, and that someone should visit each tent to ensure how many people were camping. He said he would continue to clean the facilities after the Red Kite Bash.

Cllr Rowlands suggested that whoever inspects the play area also inspects the pavilion on a fortnightly basis and add this to the check list. If the facilities are not in an acceptable condition, this would be reported to the Mayor and she would investigate.

Various discussions and suggestions were made including:

The TC purchases cleaning materials and users clean up after themselves.

Green Events send in a volunteer to clean after events.

Why can't money collected for camping be used to pay for cleaning? Because it is used for electricity and maintenance.

Camping be increased from £5 per tent to £6 per tent and then someone paid £10 to clean the toilets and showers after an event.

Mrs Perkins said that WAG want to see better facilities developed for camping. Over £1,000 has recently been spent on the pavilion. There is a possibility of some WAG funding to upgrade the facility, but any work would have to be completed by the end of 2010. Better facilities will be needed for the Alternative Olympics, and that might involve hiring porta loos and showers.

It was agreed to report back to the full town council and propose increasing the cost of camping to £6 per tent, and to ask Chris Dodds to clean the facilities after each camping event.

Pat Dryden
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