

CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LIFESTYLE, SPORT AND TOURISM
18th February, 2011

Present:- Councillor St. John (in the Chair); Councillor Falvey.

F53. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 8TH FEBRUARY, 2011

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet Member for Culture, Lifestyle, Sport and Tourism held on 8th February, 2011.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member held on 8th February, 2011, be signed as a true record.

F54. BOWLING GREENS BUDGET SAVINGS

Consideration was given to the report introduced by Andy Lee, Green Spaces Operations Manager, which sought approval to consult bowling green users, Parish Councils and Coalfields (CISWO) etc. regarding the ceasing of maintenance of eight bowling greens during 2011 and a further eight bowling greens during 2012 in order to make savings needed to help meet available budgets for 2011/12 and 2012/13.

The selection of greens proposed for cessation of maintenance had principally taken into account the availability of other greens within the same geographical area. However, the usage levels at the Council sites, the number of greens at each site and the quality of ancillary facilities (such as pavilions) that were available were taken into account when identifying where reductions could be made.

If these proposals were approved, then the decision would be communicated with all clubs using the Council's operated greens, CISWO and affected Parish Councils as quickly as possible. It was also proposed that each club be invited to submit expressions of interest should they believe themselves to be in a position to take on responsibility for the maintenance of greens at their own expense.

To date no consultation had been undertaken with either users, Ward Members, CISWO or Parish Councils.

Resolved:- [1] That consultation take place regarding the cessation of maintenance of the following Council managed greens from 1st June 2011:-

- Two greens at Rawmarsh Leisure (Barbers Avenue).
- One green at Barkers Park.
- One green at Boston Park.
- One green at Wath Park.
- One Green at Greasbrough Park.
- One Green at Bradgate Park.

[2] That consultation take place regarding the cessation of maintenance of the bowling green at Wickersley Christian Institute from 1st June, 2011.

(3) That consultation takes place with the Parish Councils below regarding the cessation of maintenance of their bowling greens at the Borough Council's expense from 1st January, 2012:-

- Aston Parish Council
- Wales Parish Council.
- Treeton Parish Council.
- North Anston Parish Council.
- Catcliffe Parish Council.

(4) That consultation takes place with CISWO regarding the cessation of maintenance of their bowling greens at the Council's expense from 1st January, 2012 for:-

- Cortonwood Miners Welfare.
- Silverwood Miners Welfare.
- Maltby Miners Welfare.

(5) That invitations be issued to bowling clubs or other suitable and interested parties at affected greens operated by the Council, to express interest in taking over responsibility for maintenance of greens at their own expense.