

11. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - REPORT OF 21 MAY 2007 MEETING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 21 May 2007.

The meeting was attended by Neville Bennett (Chairperson), Helen Broughton, Lesley Keast, Peter Laloli, Mike Mora, Bob Shearing and Tony Sutcliffe.

An apology for lateness was received and accepted from Helen Broughton.

1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

1.1 HALSWELL RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

Representatives from the Halswell Rugby League Football Club addressed the Committee to express their concerns with current playing and training fields and flood lights not meeting the needs of their Club and further advocated with urgency for the proposed additional playing and training fields to relieve some of the pressure on the existing grounds.

The Committee received the information and its recommendation is recorded under Clause 4 of this report.

1.2 HALSWELL RUGBY LEAGUE NETBALL CLUB

Representatives from the Halswell Rugby League Netball Club addressed the Committee regarding the proposed new development of sportsfields on Halswell Domain. The Club are currently practicing on an improvised court behind the Rugby Club Rooms. This was a temporary arrangement which is no longer sustainable. The Club would like to see the Council progress the development of sportsfields on Halswell Domain with urgency.

The Committee received the information and its recommendation is recorded under Clause 4 of this report.

2. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Members were provided with an opportunity to share issues of concern and give a brief update on community activities.

It was requested that staff provide information on the status of Gilberthorpes Reserve, including a copy of the original subdivision application.

3. SUPPLEMENTARY DEPUTATION

The Committee resolved that the following supplementary deputation be received and considered at the present meeting.

Halswell Rugby League Netball Club.

4. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 HALSWELL DOMAIN

That the Board:

- (a) Seek speaking rights at a forthcoming Council meeting, with urgency, to support the issues raised by the sports users of Halswell Domain.

- (b) Recommends to the Council that it investigate purchasing the block of land associated with the Neal Group Limited development to progress the development of the 5 hectares of sportsfields on Halswell Domain.
- (c) Requests information from staff on the current policy relating to the maintenance of drainage swales in public parks and reserves.
- (d) Requests further information on the historic buildings at Aidanfield.