

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COBTREE MANOR ESTATE CHARITY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2010**

**Present:** Councillor Garland (Chairman), and  
Councillors Ash, Greer and Mrs Ring

**Also Present:** Councillors FitzGerald and  
Mrs Marshall

61. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

62. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

Councillor FitzGerald indicated his wish to speak on Items 8 and 9 – report of the Head of Finance – Accounts 2008/09 and report of the Cobtree Officer – Cobtree Manor Park – Master Plan.

Councillor Mrs Marshall indicated her wish to speak on Items 6 and 9 – Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 January 2010 and report of the Cobtree Officer – Cobtree Manor Park – Master Plan.

63. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members and Officers.

64. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

65. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the items on the agenda be taken in public as proposed.

66. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

67. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15  
JANUARY 2010 - MINUTE 58 - COBTREE MANOR ESTATE - GATE  
LOCKING/UNLOCKING

Councillor Mrs Marshall informed the Committee that she had been questioned by a member of the public regarding the cost of

locking/unlocking the gates of the Manor Park and the difficulties of staffing for this task. The member of the public indicated to Councillor Mrs Marshall that people who lived in neighbouring properties to the Manor Park had expressed an interest in helping to lock/unlock the gates.

RESOLVED: That it be noted that Councillor Mrs Marshall was requested to pass on details of local residents who are interested in helping to Officers.

68. FINANCIAL POSITION 2009/10

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Finance setting out details of the financial position in respect of the Golf Course and the Manor Park as at 31 January 2010. The report also included the revised estimates for the budget that were presented to the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture and details of capital expenditure, the projected loan repayment position at 31 March 2010, deposits held and total investments held.

It was noted that there is still an outstanding position with regard to employee costs at the Golf Course due to the delay in TUPEing some staff but that this issue was hoped to be resolved before the end of the financial year.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

69. ACCOUNTS 2008/09

DECISION MADE:

That the Report and Financial Statement for the financial year 2008/09, be approved.

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70. COBTREE MANOR PARK - MASTER PLAN

DECISION MADE:

1. That the draft master plan, for use in consultation with the general public and other interested parties, be agreed in principle.
2. That the proposed format for the public consultation, as detailed in the Report of the Cobtree Officer, be further developed to ensure wide publicity and engagement.

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71. DURATION OF MEETING

1.30 p.m. to 2.58 p.m.