

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Recreation & Open Spaces Committee was held at Pulborough Social Centre on Thursday 11 March 2004 at 9.30 pm

Present: Mrs J Botting (Acting Chairman) Mrs C Barnett
Mrs H Grey Mr N Ryan
Mr B Vincent

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs L Speer Mr P Lee (Hospital)

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2004 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

ACTION

(i) Masons Way

The Assistant Clerk delivered a verbal report on the first maintenance visit to Masons Way by HDC's contractor, Danny Flynn. He had inspected the play area and gained a very favourable impression, which was confirmed by a local resident, who was impressed by the effort put in.

It was agreed to review the position at the next meeting (May) and to decide on the frequency of future maintenance and the quotation of £540 from Mr Flynn for annual maintenance.

**Asst
Clerk**

(ii) Playground Inspection

The state of the paintwork had been noted as shabby for several inspections and the Assistant Clerk circulated an estimate, obtained from Wicksteeds, of the amount and cost of the paint required for repainting. The cost would be covered by the existing budget. The Chairman suggested that the Assistant Clerk be allowed to spend up to £350.00 and this was proposed by Mrs Grey, seconded by Mr Ryan and agreed unanimously. Members agreed to paint the equipment themselves.

**Asst
Clerk**

(iii) Pocket Park

It was reported that the Planning & Services Committee had approved an estimate of £164 from D Flynn to repair the bridge. Members noted that, after discussion with Ace Drainage, the clearance of the culvert under the footpath in Pocket Park would be delayed until a longer spell of dry weather allowed their truck, laden with water for the jetting, easier access over the Recreation Ground.

**Asst
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(iv) Rent Comparisons

Copies were circulated of a table comparing charges for similar facilities, where available, by adjacent Parishes and two leisure centres. This confirmed a need for review of the charges in Pulborough.

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Members noted that the Clubs' rent had not been increased since 1998 and that the Licences provided for a review of charges subject to notice in writing to the Licensees on or before the last playing day in the year before the review date. It was agreed to recommend the following annual charges to Full Council:

ACTION

- 1) Mini Rugby including Cousins Way from £50 to £150.00
- 2) Pythons from £50 to £ 75.00
- 3) Rugby current rent of £535 + compound inflation
- 4) Football current rent of £393 + 2 x compound inflation
- 5) Cricket current rent of £390 + compound inflation
- 6) Stoolball current rent of £ 75 + compound inflation

Clerk

It was also agreed to recommend that the rent for the allotments and MSF charges should be increased by compound inflation.

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(v) Exterior Painting of the Pavilion

It was reported that Andy Rose had been asked to provide a quotation for exterior painting and plastic cladding. He had previously quoted an approximate cost of £3,500 and would undertake the work in stages starting as soon as the weather was suitable.

Mrs Botting proposed that the Parish Council should not invite alternative quotations in view of Mr Rose's competitive charges and the high standard of his work. Mrs Barnett seconded and the proposal was agreed unanimously.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

1) Culvert Adjacent Strawberry Field

It was reported that Horsham District Council had written to the effect that they did not own the unprotected culvert entrance. It was the responsibility of the owner of the land to protect the public from danger.

Mrs Barnett said that New Place Nurseries owned the land. It was agreed to ask HDC if they would write to the owners suggesting the need for some form of grille over the entrance.

**Asst
Clerk**

5 URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

1) Footpaths

It was agreed that the following footpaths should be checked:

- the cinder track
- the footpath by New Place Farm
- the footpath by Downview
- the footpath by White Cottage at Codmore Hill

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Mrs Botting proposed that Mr Kevin Soal should be asked to undertake any necessary work to clear the footpaths.

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| <p>2) Footbridge
Mrs Barnett reported that the bridge over the River Stor would be repaired the following week.</p> <p>3) Review of the Provision of Public Conveniences
Mr Ryan reported hearing an interview on BBC Radio 4 about the widespread removal of public conveniences.</p> <p>4) Old Swan Bridge
It was reported that the County Council and The Environment Agency would undertake some initial clearance work to the area south of the bridge on the following Wednesday.</p> <p>5) Swan Corner
Mrs Grey said that the roof of one of the new buildings, possibly a wine bar, was very high.</p> | <p>ACTION</p> |
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The meeting closed at 10.25 pm.

.....Chairman

.....Date