

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Recreation & Open Spaces Committee was held at the Village Hall (Pulborough Social Centre) on Thursday 27 May 2004 at 9.30 pm

Present: Mrs C Barnett (Chairman) Mrs J Botting
Mrs H Grey Mr D Boulton
Mr N Ryan

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2004 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

ACTION

(i) **Masons Way**

It was reported that the shrub bed was overgrown again. Mrs Botting proposed that the Parish Council should accept the quotation of £540 from Danny Flynn for the annual maintenance of the shrub bed at the play area. Mr Ryan seconded and the proposal was agreed unanimously.

(ii) **Playground Inspection**

Members present reflected that it was probably not realistic to purchase paint in order that Members might paint the play equipment. It was agreed to seek a quotation from Ash Reid Design.

Clerk

(iii) **Pocket Park**

It was agreed to chase D Flynn to repair the bridge and Ace Drainage to clear the culvert in Pocket Park.

Clerk

(iv) **Footpaths**

It was reported that there was a barrier missing at the top of the cinder track and that the path was in urgent need of work. It was agreed unanimously to invite Kevin Soal to undertake work on the cinder track, the footpath by New Place Farm, the footpath by Downview and the footpath by White Cottage at Codmore Hill.

Clerk

(v) **Footbridge**

Mrs Barnett was pleased to report that the bridge over the River Stor had been repaired.

4 PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

Members received the report of the recent bi-annual inspection and noted that the required repairs were relatively minor. Unfortunately, the quotation for repairs had not arrived and it was agreed that this should be considered by the Finance & Policy Committee.

**Asst
Clerk**

Members also received the report of the recent Disabilities Discrimination Act inspection. It had already been agreed to seek a quotation from W Allfrey for tarmac surfacing at the north and south

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gates. It was agreed to ask the Temporary Assistant Parish Clerk to arrange repairs to the north gate and to ask the Litter Warden to repair the broken fence.

**ACTION
Clerk**

5 QUOTATIONS FOR REPLACEMENT FLOODLIGHTS FOR THE MSF

It was reported that the contractors for Christ's Hospital, Lorne Stewart PLC, had promised but failed to provide a quotation for replacement floodlights. The Parish Council had been very pleased with the floodlights installed by Floodlighting Ltd some 13 years ago but these now needed to be replaced. Floodlighting Ltd had quoted £2,220 in November 2002. The quotation was no longer valid and it would be prudent to order polycarbonate screens for the lights which would add to the cost. In any event, a revised quotation should be well within the MSF reserve of £3,328.

Mrs Botting proposed that the Parish Council should accept a revised quotation from Floodlighting Ltd unless Lorne Stewart PLC provided a quotation offering a significant advantage. Mrs Grey seconded and the proposal was agreed unanimously.

Clerk

6 TREE SURVEY

Members noted that the Parish Council's independent tree survey was undertaken in December 2002. All remedial work recommended at the time had been completed. Mrs Barnett proposed that Members should pay particular attention to trees during the proposed Village Walk and should budget for an independent tree survey during the next financial year. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

**Members
Clerk**

7 SKATEBOARD EQUIPMENT

It was reported that both Action in Rural Sussex and Horsham District Council had suggested that the Parish Council should apply for a grant of £5,000 from Awards for All for a small skateboard park to include the half pipe already purchased. The Leisure Development Manager of Horsham District Council had already earmarked £2,000 for the proposed project and thought there were good prospects of a further grant of £3,000 from HDC for a larger project. He had undertaken to consult colleagues about the best approach to an application to HDC. In addition, the Millennium Society had promised to contribute £900. The Parish Council had a play equipment reserve of £5,000. If the suggested grants materialised, the Parish Council could afford to budget £15,900 for a small skatepark.

Copies were circulated of a draft grant application to Awards for All based on approximate costings for a tarmac area of 20 x 8 metres and the purchase of three or four additional pieces of equipment. Mr Boulton said that he would speak to the Treasurer of Pulborough Sports & Social Club about a possible contribution. Mrs Grey said that she would ask Chanctonbury Lions about a possible contribution and Mrs Botting said that she would speak to Storrington Lions.

DB

**HG
JB**

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Mrs Barnett proposed that the Parish Council should submit applications to Awards for All and Horsham District Council for £5,000 each to support a project with a provisional total cost of £16,000 (subject to quotations for surfacing). Mrs Botting seconded and the proposal was agreed unanimously.

ACTION
Clerk

8 CORRESPONDENCE **Clerk**

- 1) Licence Application**
The White Hart, Stopham Road, Pulborough – Public entertainment licence
The Chairman gave leave for the Committee to consider an application for an entertainment licence for a number of events at The White Hart during the summer. Members noted that all the events were scheduled to finish at 10.30 pm and that there were no fireworks and raised no objection.

9 URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

- 1) Parish Walk**
It was agreed that Full Council should be invited to consider the question of a Parish Walk. It would be helpful to ask Coldwaltham Parish Council for information about 'Adopt a Footpath'. **Full Council**
- 2) Swan Corner**
Mrs Grey informed the Committee that she had been approached by one of the residents of Swan Corner who would like to tidy up the public open space. Members raised no objection to the area being kept tidy but it was agreed to consult the Enforcement Officer about the fence and the lack of public access to the river. **Clerk**
- 3) Hanging Basket Waterer**
Mrs Botting suggested that the Parish Council should sell the waterer. It was agreed to refer this question to the Planning & Services Committee. **P&S**
- 4) New Place Road**
Mrs Barnett reported that cars for sale were parked in New Place Road. It was agreed that this should be reported to the Police. **JB**

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm.

.....Chairman

.....Date