

## **PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**

**A Meeting of the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee was held at the Sports Pavillion on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at 8.00 pm.**

**Present:** Mrs C Barnett (Chairman) Mr J Denison  
Mrs J Botting Mrs A Lawson  
Mr D Boulton Mr B Vincent

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence received.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr D Boulton declared an interest as Chairman of the Sports & Social Club.

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006 were received and signed.

**4. Matters Arising**

Mr J Denison referred to Item 6 of the Minutes and asked if the issues relating to the footpaths and bridleways could be brought to the attention of the Ranger. In particular, the poor condition of the public footpath that runs from Stane Street Close along the New Place Nurseries.

Reference was made to the cost of the upkeep of the bowling green, which the Parish Council was now meeting and asked the Clerk to obtain a breakdown from the contractor. Also, to ascertain whether the Club had a licence to sell alcohol.

The Chairman reminded members that the Parish Council usually had a bowling tournament evening and the Clerk agreed to obtain the date of this event.

**5. Byelaws**

The Committee received a Discussion Paper on local authority byelaws in England from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

Members also received new model byelaws forwarded by Mr Bryn Evans of Horsham District Council. The Committee then considered the Chairman's recommended amendments and agreed that the Clerk should convey these to Mr Evans.

**6. Sports & Social Club – Insurance**

The Committee noted that currently the Sports & Social Club was required to meet the cost of insurance for the whole of the building which included the Snooker & Billiards Club and the changing rooms. This did not include the Pavillion annexe as the Parish Council's Insurers, Allianz Cornhill, were meeting this cost.

The Clerk reported that currently the Sports & Social Club was required to meet the whole cost of £2,566.72p for a commercial combined insurance with AON Insurance Services. The insurance ran from 14<sup>th</sup> January for the year and had already been paid by the Parish Council. The Club had concerns that it was paying for insurance that was of benefit to other users and that there was a requirement for the whole of this cost to be met when its rental

was required quarterly because it depended on membership subscription for funds.

Mr Vincent stated the Club was also concerned that the insurance did not reflect a realistic cost of replacement for the building.

RESOLVED: that the Finance & Policy Committee be requested to consider obtaining an insurance quotation from Allianz Cornhill for the whole of the Sports & Social Club & Pavillion building, including the Bowling Club's buildings and that the cost of cover be apportioned to the different Clubs.

**7. No Motorcycling Signage**

The Committee welcomed the proposed new signage and agreed that the 4 signs should be sited: at the gate entrance to the Recreation Ground on to Lick Lane, the ambulance access off the car park, Cousins Way gate entrance and Gleblands school entrance.

The Clerk agreed to ascertain the penalty for offenders.

**8. Swan Corner Development**

The Committee was requested to consider the siting of a new bench being provided by the developers of Swan Corner, Bloor Homes.

RESOLVED: that Coldwaltham Parish be requested to consider the possible siting of the bench at the car park at Swan Bridge.

**9. Multi-Sports Facility**

The Clerk reported that the board setting out the charges had been up dated and included a £3.00 energy cost. However, the Committee was requested to consider a rate for children during July and August, which would hopefully encourage them to use the facility during the day, and could be advertised in the Newsletter. Also, the board needed to be amended to just the hourly rates. Mr D Boulton asked that the list of charges to be e-mailed to him so that he could provide Mrs L Rhoder with a copy.

Members were also informed that the MSF did not have disclaimer notices on display.

RESOLVED: that the Finance & Policy Committee be requested to consider the purchase of 4 disclaimer signs similar to those displayed at the Sports & Social Club, to be erected on the four sides of the Multi-Sports Facility and, that a charge of £2 for children be agreed for the summer months of July and August.

**10. Arboricultural Hazard Risk Assessments**

The Committee received the quotations from Quaife Woodlands for risk assessment surveys to be carried out at the Recreation Ground (not Pocket Park as this had already been done) and a daily rate for Nutbourne Recreation Ground.

Members felt that the Council only needed to obtain an assessment to make the areas safe and therefore should seek advice from Mr Will Jones of Horsham District Council.

The Clerk referred to a previous decision of the Council to clear the area of land adjacent to the Sports Club carpark. A local gardener had inspected the site but felt that it would need to be levelled as the land had been used as a dumping ground for grass cuttings etc. over the years. Mr D Boulton stated that he had a vehicle capable of this work but he would require the cost of the skip for the removal of the rubbish on the site to be met by the Council.

Mr Boulton also asked if the Clerk could arrange for the two litter bins sited outside the Club to be removed as the Club already had a refuse bin.

#### **11. Payments**

RESOLVED: that the payments of the following cheques be approved and signed:

Jan Botting	£23.18
H Barrett	£161.45
Johnson Newspapers	£121.26
Hughes Way, Solicitors	£402.00
Primus	£12.27
BT	£97.75
Ash Reid Design	£129.25
Maudesport	£58.16
EDF Energy	£161.75
Total Butler	£283.25
Pulborough Social Centre	£210.85
Nat West	£17.14
Staff Wages	£3402.56
Inland Revenue	£1331.61

#### **12. ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

##### **Playground Equipment Inspection Report**

The Committee received the inspection report of Ash Reid Design Limited on the two childrens' play areas in the parish and noted the Priority 1 recommendations.

RESOLVED: that the Finance & Policy Committee be requested to approve the Priority 1 work recommended in the inspection report and also, the cost of cutting back the bushes at Masons Way Play Area.

##### **Purchase of Goal Posts**

The Committee received the quote for goal posts obtained by the Assistant Clerk and noted that for one pair, it would cost approximately £390. Members were of the opinion that there would be insufficient room to site goalposts at Masons Way Play Area therefore, for the time being, the Council should consider purchasing one pair of goal posts.

Mr D Boulton suggested that it might be more appropriate to have a goal painted on a board at Masons Way, which would enable the children still to play football.

RESOLVED: that the Finance & Policy Committee be recommended to consider purchasing one pair of goal posts at a cost of approximately £390 for the Stanes Street Play Area.

**Provision of Seating in the Parish**

The Committee was reminded of a previous decision to purchase 4 new benches for the parish. In view of the donation by Bloor Homes, it was felt this could be reduced to three and consideration was given to the photographs supplied by the Assistant Clerk of the designs of benches already adopted in the parish.

The Committee felt that the black metal bench was the most acceptable, the same as that sited at Moat Lane. Members also expressed the hope that the developers, Bloor Homes would provide the same design of bench for Swan Bridge carpark.

RESOLVED: the Finance & Policy Committee be requested to consider the purchase of three black metal benches for the parish at an approximate cost of £499 +VAT each and the siting of the benches be considered at a future meeting.

**13. URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

Mr J Denison reported that he had an item for the Newsletter and stated that he felt it was important that the deadline for printing should be met.

The Meeting Closed at 9.37 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date