

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee was held at the Sports Pavillion on Thursday, 13th July 2006 at 8.30 pm.

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence received from Mr D Boulton.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr B Vincent declared an interest as Treasurer of the Sports & Social Club.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 25th May 2006 were received and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported on matters arising from the last meeting.

WSSC were in the process of clearing the footpaths and the cinder path was to be cleared during the week beginning 17th July 2006.

The evening get together with members of the Bowling Club was set for Wednesday 19th July. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Bowling Club should be asked to postpone the meeting until early September as most Councillors had prior engagements. Mr Quested was to be made aware.

The signage concerning the motorbikes had been received and the Assistant Clerk was arranging for their erection.

The siting of the "Bloor" bench was postponed until after the meeting of Coldwaltham Parish Council. It was agreed that Mr R Aylott should be invited to attend a site visit to select the positioning of the bench. The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether the benches had been ordered.

The Clerk advised that the disclaimer signs for the MSF were expected the week beginning 17th July 2006.

The few papers concerning the Bowling Club had been received from Mr Quested and copied. It was agreed that they should be copied for all Councillors and the matter put on the agenda for the next Full Council Meeting.

5. PULBOROUGH SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Mrs C Barnett advised that a meeting had been held with Bayley & Wilmer, Architects, concerning the possible replacement of the Social Club. She stated that the various sports clubs would need to be involved as they will have to help with funding but it was early days. Mrs Lawson said it may be cheaper to flatten and rebuild and Mr Denison suggested that different options were considered. It was noted that Bayley and Wilmer had not charged for the initial meeting and had stated that the drains would not present a problem

6. NUTBOURNE RECREATION GROUND

The Chairman advised that Mr. Denison, Mrs Botting, Mrs Lawson and herself had visited the Nutbourne Recreation Ground. Mr Denison and Mrs Botting saw no problem with the site at present but Mrs Lawson and Mrs Barnett both felt strongly that it was unsafe. Mr Denison advised that he had made arrangements for the Project Manager from the South Downs Joint Committee to meet Councillors there on Friday 21st July 2006 to discuss conservation and recreation in the area. As Mrs Barnett was unavailable, it was agreed the visit should be re-arranged for a Monday or Tuesday in early September. In the meantime, Will Jones from HDC should be approached to ascertain whether any trees were unsafe. The Clerk was also asked to copy the Charity Commission registration of the land in 1978 to all members.

7. BYELAWS

The Byelaws for the Recreation Ground were circulated to the Committee and finalised.

RESOLVED: that the Byelaws be approved and displayed in a metal case at each entrance to the Recreation Ground plus both entrances to the Cousins Way recreation Ground. A copy should also be displayed on the Parish Noticeboard and a full size copy retained in the Office.

8. PAYMENTS

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

EDF Energy	£36.81
Ashtav	£25.00
Arun Mowers Ltd	£214.00
Signway Supplies	£167.23
Pulborough Social Centre	£455.70
J Randall	£450.03
Maudesport	£94.94
Candela Consulting Ltd	£111.62
D J Flynn Services	£63.45

9. URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Mr Denison requested that a letter be sent to the Diocese of Chichester requesting that the East Glebe Field be cut. It was also stated that it should be brought to their attention that it is illegal to let ragwort grow and flower. The paths need strimming and there is no access for pushchairs or wheelchairs.

Mr Denison also advised that he had received complaints that the paths on either side of Sopers Hill needed attention and that the parking notices in the car park were not clear and 2 large standard signs were required. A good example of this could be found at Steyning. He also reported that Japanese Knotweed was growing on the highways on Codmore Hill. The Clerk advised that she was expecting a visit from Shirley Stone, WSCC Highways Dept on Friday 14th July and would raise these matters with her.

Finally, Mr Denison reported that he would be attending the South Downs Parish Day on 29th July 2006.

Mrs Botting made the Committee aware that the hedges around the play area in Masons Way needed pruning. It was agreed that this could come under the remit of Danny Flynn.

The Clerk reported that Lyndon Johnson of Environmental Health Services had quoted a minimum price of £200 plus VAT for four of the five requested dog bins. The fifth bin at Barnhouse Lane would be supplied free by HDC. There would also be a charge of £2 per bin for emptying. It was suggested that the Council apply for the free bin whilst awaiting the exact cost of the others.

The Meeting Closed at 9.45 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date