

## PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee was held at the Sports Pavillion on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at 8.10 pm.

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

### 1. APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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

### 3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2006 were received and signed.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported on matters arising from the last meeting.

Lyndon Johnson, HDC, had advised that the dog bin at Barnhouse Lane has been installed. He had warned that a resident had expressed concern over fire engine access.

Although the posts for the motor bike signs had been ordered, they were now not available. The Assistant Clerk had been given details of another company to approach. Danny Flynn had stated that he would be able to erect them.

Rob Aylott had chosen the "Bloor" bench and so four had been ordered. The Committee agreed that the Clerk should ascertain which company installed the Jubilee bench in 2000 and request a quote from them and also from Danny Flynn.

The East Glebe Field had now been cut. The Clerk was to contact WSCC Highways re the gates as access to a Public Footpath was being denied to wheelchairs and pushchairs and members agreed that this route would be used even more when the doctors' surgery relocated.

The Clerk advised that Alyson Heath had replied concerning input into the problems of litter and underage drinking and was to give it some thought. The Clerk was to contact her again now that the new term was underway.

A quote had been obtained from Rabbit Skips but was to be put on hold until the lighting in the Sports and Social Club car park had been erected.

The Clerk reported that the Byelaws were now with HDC for processing.

**5. HIGHWAY LIGHTING AT RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK**

Members received the quotation from EDF energy for £1358.66 subject to terms and conditions.

**RESOLVED:**

That the quotation should be accepted and EDF Energy should be contacted immediately with a request that work should begin as soon as possible.

**6. NUTBOURNE RECREATION GROUND**

Mrs Barnett reported on the recent meeting with Councillors and Rob Free of the Sussex Wealden Greensand Heaths Project and Andrew Gale, tree surgeon.

She stated that Mr Free was very enthusiastic about the Ground and thought that if the middle ground was cleared, heather would be encouraged to grow.

Mrs Barnett thought that brushwood could be put along the perimeter of the Ground making a natural barrier.

Mr Free thought grants would be available and the Project would like to become involved, using their own volunteers to do the work.

Mr Denison advised that he was involved as a volunteer clearing heathland and that the funding for the Project was due to be renewed in 2007 and it was hoped that Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground would be included as part of that grant.

Mrs Botting thanked Mr Denison for getting the ball rolling and members agreed that Mr Free should be contacted immediately to offer the Committee's thanks for all his help to date and to advise him that they would like work to start immediately.

Mr Free had produced a report that was copied to the Committee.

Mrs Barnett stated that Mr Gale was also enthusiastic but it was felt that more quotes should be obtained for the work to be carried out on the trees. Mr Denison suggested that the Clerk should contact Rupert Cleaver for a quote as he had worked on Pocket Park.

**7. PLAY AREA MODIFICATIONS AT MASONS WAY PLAYGROUND**

Mrs Barnett and Mrs Botting reported on a site visit they had had with Mr Ash from ARD Ltd. He was very enthusiastic but they felt the playground equipment he suggested was too futuristic and expensive for that playground.

The quotes received included resiting the bench from the centre of the playground to the perimeter, allowing more room in the centre.

Mr Vincent asked what was the budget for expenditure on playground equipment and it was agreed that the Clerk should obtain this from the Finance and Policy Committee.

It was also noted that not all the enclosures had been sent with the quote. The Clerk was to telephone Mr Ash on the following day and ask for them to be sent out straightaway.

**8. COUSINS WAY RESIDENTS GROUP**

Members considered the issues raised by the newly formed Residents Group and the Clerk was instructed to report back to them.

The Committee stated that the Recreation Ground at Cousins Way was a community field that could be used by any resident of Pulborough at any time. They had no problem with the Ground being used for picnics, although the Council could not fund picnic tables and chairs and it was suggested that residents brought fold-up chairs or used a rug. Rounders and football could certainly be played on the Recreation ground and there were already football posts.

Concerning the BMX track, members felt this would encourage young people with motor bikes and so could not recommend it. They also pointed out that the school was giving cycling and Highway Code lessons this week.

Members also stated they had no objection to the resident at number 16 erecting a higher fence.

With reference to the overgrown ditch, members agreed that this was of concern. The Clerk was asked to contact Danny Flynn to arrange for the ditch to be cleared three times a year, with immediate effect.

Mrs Barnett advise the Committee that a young person was seen at Cousins Way Recreation Ground stripping plastic off a large reel of copper wire and that the plastic had been left on the ground near the dog bin. Danny Flynn was to be made aware.

**9. PULBOROUGH PARKING ISSUES**

Members noted the parking issues of which WSCC Highways Department are already aware and added the whole of the New Place Road/Glebelands area. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Paul ? from WSCC Highways to arrange a meeting with Mrs Botting and Mrs Barnett to discuss the parking problems faced by the residents.

**10. WHEELIE BINS FOR SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

Members noted that small wheelie bins could be purchased for £25 each. Mr Boulton agreed to ascertain whether these would be large enough and if so, purchase two bins for use by the Sports and Social Club.

**11. REPORT FROM DANNY FLYNN, LITTER PICKER**

The Committee noted the report from Danny Flynn.

It was agreed that the original schedule should be found and copied to Mr Flynn and that various duties should be performed on regular days. An item on Mr Flynn's work should be included in the next newsletter.

**12. ACCESS RANGER**

The Committee noted that Ben Rainbow, the Access Ranger was due to call shortly. Mr Denison advised that one footpath sign was pointing in the wrong direction and agreed to email the details to the Clerk. Mrs Barnett stated that

the bridle path at Strawberry Fields was overgrown, as was the entrance to the top recreation ground. The Clerk was to make the Ranger aware of these.

**13. AES ELECTRICAL**

Members received the quotation from AES Electrical and agreed that another quote should be obtained, possibly from Mr Upton of Upton Gardens.

**14. QUOTATION FOR LINING CAR PARK PEDESTRIAN FOOTWAY**

The Committee noted the quotation but agreed that the other work should be completed first, namely erection of lighting in the car park and resurfacing the area.

Mr Boulton suggested Z bars might be an alternative to lining. The Clerk was asked to contact WSCC Highways to see if better signage warning of pedestrians crossing the entrance could be installed.

**15. QUOTATION FOR CONCRETE SURFACES AROUND OUTBUILDINGS AT THE PAVILION**

Members received the quotation but agreed that two more quotes were required before a decision could be made.

**16. PAYMENTS**

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

Maudesport £350.74

**17. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

There were no District or County Councillors present.

**18. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Litter and the Law**

This was received and noted.

**Charity Commission**

This was circulated to Councillors for completion.

**Every Action Counts**

This was received and noted.

**19. URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

Mr Denison raised the matter of the bridge and culverts at Pocket Park. He stated that Ted Sylvester clears on a three-monthly basis but there was a build-up of silt. The goal was to have a proper bridge which Shirley Stone, WSCC Highways Department, has advised would be erected if the Harwood's side of the culvert was cleared. HDC have agreed to meet the Pocket Park Association on site to discuss and Mr Denison agreed to draft a letter.

Mrs Botting thought this was the sort of work the young offenders could do.

Mr Denison requested that the clearing of the dead trees in Pocket Park could be raised at the next meeting and this was agreed.

The Meeting Closed at 10.15 p.m.

..... Chairman

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