

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee was held at the Sports Pavilion on Thursday, 2nd November 2006 at 8.10 pm.

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Boulton and Mr M Longridge.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 14th September 2006 were received and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported on matters arising from the last meeting.

The motor bike signs had been delivered and were awaiting erection by Danny Flynn.

All four benches have been delivered and installed...

The Clerk reported a letter had been sent to WSCC concerning the Committee's request for new gates with wheelchair access to East Glebe Field. A reply requesting clarification of which footpath was involved had been received and a response sent approximately two weeks ago.

An email from Alyson Heath with regard to litter on the Recreation Ground was circulated to members. Mrs Heath advised the matter would be raised at the next School Council meeting as it was felt the children should be involved in ideas to combat litter. The Clerk advised members she has a meeting with Mrs Heath on 8th November.

It was noted the light in the Social Club car park has been installed and is working.

A reply was sent to Cousins Way Residents Group but no response had been received.

The Clerk advised that AES Electrical is coming to do an inspection on 13th November at 8.30am, which should take 4-5 hours. Access will be required to all parts of the Clubhouse and the electricity supply will be turned off at times. The Clerk was instructed to write to Fred Bushby, the manager to advise him that access to the Social Club will be necessary.

The byelaws were discussed and Mrs Barnett read out the following statement:-

“The Recreation and Open Spaces Committee, having considered the draft Recreation Ground Byelaws, recommend to Council:

- (i) that the draft Byelaws be approved;
- (ii) that the Byelaws be made and sealed and that the necessary confirmation procedures be undertaken, thereafter;
- (iii) that the Clerk be authorised to undertake such minor amendments to the draft Byelaws as may be necessary to secure their confirmation.”

5. POCKET PARK

Members received a report on the trees in Pocket Park with comments by Phil Williams, the tree warden. After a short discussion, it was agreed that the work required to open up Pocket Park and make the trees safe should go ahead. The Committee received two quotations for the work to be done.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk should contact Rupert Cleaver, tree surgeon to go ahead with the work to Pocket Park and Harwoods should be approached with a copy of the report, to see whether they wished Mr Cleaver to do the work on their trees.

Mrs Barnett suggested that Mr Cleaver should do a survey on all the other trees on the Recreation Ground, following the loss of two in recent storms. Members felt this should be done and instructed the Clerk to contact Mr Cleaver as a matter of urgency.

Mrs Barnett also mentioned a bit of metal that was protruding near the steps by the bridge. Mr Denison agreed to mention this to the Pocket park Association.

6. NUTBOURNE COMMON RECREATION GROUND

Members agreed a Sub-Committee to collate and oversee the improvements to Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground should be chosen. Mrs Barnett, Mr Boulton, Mr Denison, Mrs Lawson and Mr Noble were all chosen to serve on the Sub-Committee.

The Committee instructed the Clerk to contact WSCC Highways to get repairs done to the road leading to the Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground. They agreed that tarmac would be out of keeping for the area and just shale to fill the potholes was needed. Mrs Lawson also mentioned the house on the right appeared to have encroached onto the lane.

Members agreed the footpath in the Recreation Ground was now in the wrong place. The Clerk was instructed to contact Ben Rainbow, the Access Ranger to get the original path cleared. WSCC Public Rights of Way Department should then be contacted to close the footpath for one day in early February so that Mr Cleaver could do the necessary work to the trees within the Recreation Ground.

Mr Denison agreed to ascertain from Rob Free what the next date would be for further clearance by volunteers.

7. PLAY AREA MODIFICATIONS AT MASONS WAY PLAYGROUND

The Clerk showed members a catalogue from Prolufic, a company which specialised in play equipment for older children. The Committee were advised that Storrington had used this firm for their playground equipment. It was agreed that members would visit the site and the Clerk should contact the Storrington Clerk for feedback on the equipment. This item should be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

8. "IT'S YOUR COMMUNITY"

Members considered the new award scheme from the Conservation Foundation and agreed that both Mason's Way Playground and Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground could qualify. The Clerk was instructed to apply for a grant for both projects.

14. QUOTATION FOR CONCRETE SURFACES AROUND OUTBUILDINGS AT THE PAVILION

Members were informed John Jupp from Pulborough Football Club would call into the office on 7th November, to advise the Assistant Clerk what surfaces needed concreting. The Assistant Clerk would then obtain further quotes.

15. PAYMENTS

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

L. Hoff	£33.26
Stocker & Sons	£170.14
Pulborough Social Centre	£55.70
Candela Consulting	£591.91

18. CORRESPONDENCE

Royal British Legion

The Clerk informed members that the wreath had been received at the Parish Office. Mrs Botting advised that she was unable to attend the wreath-laying ceremony. As no one from the Committee was available, it was agreed to ask for a volunteer at the meeting of full Council on 9th November.

WSCC Rights of Way – Improvement Plan – Consultation Document

Members noted that the closing date for representations is 12th January 2007. Mrs Lawson took the document away to study.

Village Directories

The Committee noted the comments from Village Directories concerning the many errors in the list of Parish Councillors. The Clerk was asked to obtain a photocopy of the original documents allegedly to have come from the Parish Office.

Email from Katie & Roger Peters stating the play equipment is shabby and outdated.

The comments were noted.

Email from Brian Gatcombe concerning the Water Meadows

The comments were noted.

Email from Paula Buckland WSCC requesting list of fingerposts in Pulborough area.

The Clerk was instructed to inform Ms Buckland that a survey would be done.

Email from Pulborough Youth Club.

The comments were noted.

HDC

Advising of informal briefing and Q & A session concerning the Gypsy and Traveller Sites Development Plan Document to be held on 20th November 2006.

Members agreed this should be carried forward to the meeting of full Council.

19. URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

The Clerk informed members that Mr John Longhorn of Rydon Homes had asked to attend the next meeting of full Council, as he wished to speak to Councillors. Although short notice, the Committee agreed he should be allowed to attend.

Mrs Barnett stated the blackberry bushes leading down to the Village Hall needed cutting back. The Clerk was instructed to see this was done.

The Meeting Closed at 9.55 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date