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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES
HELD ON THURSDAY 22nd November 2007
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs Barnett (Chairman), Cllr Boulton (Vice Chairman), Cllrs Barrett, Mrs Botting, Denison, Mrs Lawson and Reeve.

REPRESENTATIVES: Mr Leadbeatter (Groundsman) and Mr Speer (Snooker) (until 7.40pm).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs L Hoff (Clerk).

The meeting opened at 7.31pm

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Henly (Bowling) and Mr Jupp (Football).

14. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th September 2007 were received and signed.

15. Matters Arising

The Clerk gave the members an update on the situation with the drains. It was AGREED to change the format of the guttering, as that may be a cheaper solution to the problem of flooding. The Clerk was instructed to ask a plumber to liaise with Cllr Barrett, who had volunteered to meet him for a site visit and explain what was required. It was noted one of the downpipes was coming away from the wall and should be repaired at the same time.

The Clerk reported the ruts on the Recreation Ground had been repaired.

Members were informed no response had been received from Kevin Underwood as to when he would do the concreting outside the pavilion. Cllr Boulton had been copied into the last letter to Mr Underwood and agreed that getting a firm date from him was proving to be impossible. A Councillor agreed to ask another concreter to do the work for a similar price.

The Clerk advised the Committee the sheds roofs had been repaired.

Members were informed that new allotment holders could automatically become members of the Allotment Society but the Parish Council could not collect subscriptions on the Society's behalf. It was AGREED the Parish Council should not become involved with any part of the running of the Society.

16. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Snooker

Mr Speer was asked how the Snooker Club would be able to advise any member of the Parish Council when the snooker room was in use during the day. This was in case of fire. Mr Speer stated that the fire risk in the actual room was minimal and members could easily leave the building through the emergency exit. He agreed to consult with the Club's members to produce a solution in time for the next Advisory Committee meeting. It was agreed the onus was on the Club's members.

Mr Speer left the meeting at 7.40pm.

Groundsman

Mr Leadbeatter advised topsoil had been put on the site of the old skateboard ramp but there was still quite a dip.

He then stated he thought the "Trees for Shade" oaks had been placed too close together. The Chairman advised one or two of the trees may have to be moved and suggested one could be put on the site of the old skateboard ramp. This suggestion met with approval.

Mr Leadbeatter advised Southern Water had placed cameras through a sewage pipe and found a blockage. This had been cleared following use of metal detectors, which had found a manhole cover on the land between the Recreation ground fence and Chestnut Walk. Mr Leadbeatter informed members water had come over the culvert and flooded Pocket park. The Clerk was instructed to contact WSCC Highway Rangers to request they clear the culvert. A Councillor advised that the repairs the Rangers had done earlier in the year needed doing again.

Mrs Barnett then thanked the representative for his attendance and closed the meeting at 8.05pm

Date of Next Meeting: 24th January 2008

..... Chairman

..... Date