

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground Sub-Committee was held at the Sports Pavillion on Thursday, 26th July 2007 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Mrs C Barnett (Chairman) Mr J Denison
Mr H Barrett Mr L Ellis
Mr D Boulton Mrs A Lawson

In Attendance: Mr F Riddle (from 7.05pm)
Two members of the public
Mrs L Hoff (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Botting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the 22nd March 2007 had been received and signed at the meeting of full Council on 19th April 2007.

4. Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to the estate manager of the 6th Earl of Abergavenny, concerning the signage on F2432 and was still awaiting a reply.

5. PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no public speakers.

6. Statement of Intent

The Chairman read out the statement of intent for the 4-year maintenance and care programme for Nutbourne Common recreation Ground. She stated the Council wished to help the bio-diversity of the area, whilst providing a safe place for children to play. She read out from the HDC Play Strategy that children should be encouraged to use their imaginations in play and the Council was to endeavour to provide open spaces for this purpose. Mr Riddle stated that Nutbourne residents wanted it to be called a "nature reserve" as grants could then be obtained. The Chairman advised the Committee that two grant applications, requested by the Parish Council, were pending but once designated a "nature reserve", it would restrict the use by anyone visiting the area. A lengthy discussion followed, until the Chairman advised that this must be agreed by full Council, as every Councillor was a trustee. This item would be included on the next meeting of full Council. It was agreed the Statement of Intent should include the words "for conservation".

7. Fencing

The Clerk advised members obtaining quotations was difficult and on-going. One more quotation was currently required.

8. Signs Warning of Adders

The Clerk informed members HDC Legal Department had advised that any signs should state there were adders on Nutbourne Common Recreation

Ground, so that it was up to the public what they did with the information. It was agreed the signs should be A5 size.

9. Petition from a Committee Member

Mr Riddle provided a map showing how large he would like the clearing within Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground to be. The Chairman stated this was what the Committee had originally foreseen, as this had been advised by Rob Free of the Sussex Wealden Greensand Heaths Project. The various points of the petition were discussed at length and it was agreed this was a long-term plan and all members wanted to eventually see a heath area surrounded by trees. Mr Riddle offered to join the BTCV with other residents, to do volunteer work on the Recreation Ground. The Chairman stressed nothing should be done without referring to the Parish Council.

The Meeting closed at 7.36 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date