

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee was held at the Sports Pavillion on Thursday, 22nd March 2007 at 8.00 pm.

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

26. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Denison.

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

28. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 22nd February 2007 were received and signed.

29. MATTERS ARISING

29.1 S106 Funding for Mason's Way –

The Clerk reported that a reply from HDC is awaited as to whether planning permission is required. HDC have acknowledged the query and allocated a member of staff to deal with it. The Clerk assured members that HDC would be approached to ascertain how the query was progressing at very regular intervals.

29.2 Village of the Year Competition –

Mr Aylott and the Pulborough Partnership have taken over the running of the Pulborough entry and Mr Aylott has advised the Clerk that as certain things need to be put in place, the village would not enter until 2008. Mr Denison is the Parish Council's representative.

29.3 Survey of Trees on the Recreation Ground

The Clerk informed members the tree survey is to start the week commencing 26th March 2007 and a report is due the following week.

29.4 Bench in Potts Lane

The Assistant Clerk asked the Committee to decide whether it wished the bench painted green or black. It was agreed unanimously it should be black.

30. PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

31. NO SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES LAW

The Committee were aware that the new law comes into force on 1st July 2007. Mr Boulton advised the Social Club's preparations were all in hand and it had been decided to have buckets of sand by the entrance, as these could be brought in at night.

32. ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

32.1 Barriers in Pocket Park

The Clerk advised the Committee that she had visited Pocket Park with the Assistant Clerk and they were unsure as to where the requested barriers were to go. The Committee informed the Clerk where the barriers were needed and the Clerk advised members that the railings on the wooden bridge would also need consideration. It was agreed this should be raised as an item on the next agenda.

33. CORRESPONDENCE

33.1 Proposed Planting Scheme – Cousins Way Recreation Ground

The Committee received a letter from Phil Williams, tree warden, with a copy of the proposed planting scheme. Members were very impressed and liked Mr Williams' proposals. They stated they would like to see an elongated semi-circle of trees to give each more room to grow and therefore each Oak tree could be seen on its own. The Clerk was instructed to give Mr Williams the Council's written approval to go ahead with the scheme.

33.2 Trees on the Allotment

Members received a copy of an email from Phil Williams, tree warden, who had checked two fir trees at the allotments at the request of the Parish Office. He stated they were leaning and should be felled and replaced, although they did not seem to pose any immediate danger. The Clerk was instructed to contact Rupert Cleaver, the Tree Surgeon about the removal of the fir trees. Members thought they should be replaced with something other than conifers.

34. URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Mrs Lawson informed the Committee there were deep potholes in Nutbourne Lane between Redfold Farm and Woodleigh. The Clerk was instructed to request repair work should be done by WSCC Highways as a matter of urgency.

Mr Boulton requested the Moat be put on the next agenda and the Clerk was instructed to ascertain who owned the area in time for the next meeting. Mr Boulton also stated he had received a letter from Margaret Helliwell, Saxon Weald, advising they owned the footpath behind 11 The Moat but were unable to erect a lamppost, as there was no electricity available. The Clerk informed the Committee that the correspondence received from Mrs Helliwell by the Parish Office stated nothing would be done until the start of Saxon Weald's financial year in April. Mr Boulton agreed to bring his letter in for the Clerk to respond.

Mrs Barnett suggested the Minutes sent through by Paul Addison, WSCC Highways, following his meetings with various Councillors, should be a regular agenda item for Full Council. Members agreed to this suggestion as any matters arising would be included on the Parish Council's minutes.

Mrs Barnett also asked that the request to extend the Rugby Club lease be included as an agenda item for the next Recreation and Open Spaces Committee.

Mrs Botting advised members that her husband had taken a call from a resident of Stane Street Close the previous Saturday, complaining that children were kicking a football against her wall and asking what she, as Chairman of the Council, could do about it. Mr Botting had given her the number of the police and suggested she call them so that the incident could be logged.

35. PAYMENTS

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

EDF Energy	£400.65
Primus Telecommunications	£14.23
West Sussex Roofing Co.	£9690.22
SALC	£1338.42
ASHTAV	£25.00
Anderson Electrical Services	£230.00
Greenbarnes Ltd	£14.38
Pulborough Social Centre	£82.60
Staff Wages	£2759.58
HM Revenue & Customs	£754.39
WSCC Pensions	£339.86

The Meeting Closed at 8.47 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date