

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 27th March 2008 AT THE SPORTS PAVILION

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Lesley Hoff (Clerk)

The meeting opened at 8.17pm

96. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Boulton and Denison.

97. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

98. MINUTES

The Committee RESOLVED to agree and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th January 2008 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and the Chairman signed them.

98.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES WHICH ARE NOT SEPARATE AGENDA ITEMS

A Councillor advised that a dog gate and stile had been erected in Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground by Shane Keen, when he did the fencing. She said it was an excellent construction and her dogs had used it with no difficulty. The Clerk advised an email had been received from a local resident complaining the stile was too high for her to climb over. The Councillor stated she had no problem but agreed a lower step should be put in. The Clerk was instructed to contact Shane Keen to ask him to complete this.

The Clerk updated the Committee on the dealings with the Land Registry. Cllr Barrett had sent a request for details on how to register if the deeds were lost and had received a booklet explaining what to do. A letter had been sent advising the Land Registry that the Parish Council has no record of how the deeds were lost or destroyed. A letter was then received with the same brochure showing what path to follow if the deeds were lost. Another letter was sent explaining the Parish Council still does not know how or when the deeds went missing over the last 150 years.

Margaret Halliwell of Saxon Weald has visited the steps leading from Rectory Lane to the bridleway and agrees handrails are necessary. She hopes to get these installed at the beginning of the financial year.

99. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public who had given notice of wishing to speak.

100. CLUB LEASES

A lengthy discussion took place and it was RESOLVED a Working Party should be selected to go through the current leases for updating. Cllrs. Mrs Barnett, Jolliffe, Mrs Lawson and Reeve agreed to serve on the Working Party. Each took a current lease to study and agreed to meet on 21st April at 3.30pm for further discussions.

101. THE INSTALLATION OF A DOG GATE AT NUTBOURNE COMMON RECREATION GROUND

As already noted, the dog gate has been installed on Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground.

102. NEW ALLOTMENTS

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning new allotments adjacent to the existing site. It was agreed that Cllrs Jolliffe and Reeve would meet on site to measure up the required land. The Clerk was instructed to contact Lynda Cheesman at HDC for advice.

103. RENTAL BY AREA OF ALLOTMENTS

The Committee discussed the anomalies in the rental of allotments, as some double sites were only paying the same as for a single. It was determined that any large site becoming vacant in the future would be split. Members agreed that the first course of action was to measure the existing pitches. Cllrs Jolliffe and Reeve volunteered to do this and the Clerk was instructed to have a large copy of the present allotments ready for collection on 31st March 2008.

104. HANGING BASKETS IN LOWER STREET

After a brief discussion, the Clerk was instructed to ascertain whether the members of Traders' Group were to do their own baskets this year. The Clerk was also required to contact HDC, Park Department to see whether any spare brackets or baskets were available.

105. SHRUBS BY MASON'S WAY PLAY AREA

The Committee were informed that a sycamore had been removed from the flower bed adjacent to Mason's Way Play Area. This had left a large gap and children were now running through the border. Cllr Jolliffe volunteered to visit the site to ascertain which bushes would be best to replace the tree.

106. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 1.

107. URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

The Chairman of the Council requested that thanks be passed on to Mark Whitwell, WSCC Highways, who was moving to another position and would no longer be in charge of the Pulborough area.

A Councillor advised that there was so much debris on the footway leading from the new pedestrian lights to the new roundabout on the A29 that pedestrians were having to walk in the road. The Clerk was instructed to arrange to have this cleared as a matter of urgency.

108. PAYMENTS

RESOLVED: that the following payments be made and cheques drawn:

Auditing Solutions	£411.25
SALC	£1403.92
S Norman	£52.17

The meeting closed at 9.36pm

.....CHAIRMAN

.....DATE

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Letter from HDC regarding Public Rights of Way across Allotment Site**
Members received a letter from Ian Davison, HDC Secretary and Solicitor regarding Public Rights of Way across the Parish Council's Allotment Site. Previously copied to Committee.
- 2. Ash Read Design Ltd/ARD Playgrounds**
The Committee noted that Ash Read Design Ltd has been dissolved and ARD Playgrounds will take over the work of playground inspection.
- 3. WSCC – Parish Walks and Information on Local Walks**
Members received an invitation to organise a walk to celebrate Sussex Day and suggested Cllr Denison might be interested. The Clerk was instructed to send him the details. Copied to Committee.
- 4. HDC – Drainage at Pulborough Recreation Ground**
The Committee received a report and maps concerning the drainage under the recreation ground and noted the documents will be held in the Parish Office.