

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 24th April 2008 AT THE SPORTS PAVILION

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Lesley Hoff (Clerk)

The meeting opened at 8.00pm

109. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Boulton.

110. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

111. MINUTES

The Committee RESOLVED to agree and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th March 2008 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and the Chairman signed them.

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

The Clerk advised members that the newly installed stile and dog gate had been vandalised within days of its erection in Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground. A free gate had been supplied by WSCC and was awaiting erection by Shane Keen. An article would be put in the next edition of the newsletter, reporting the vandalism and also advising that according to the byelaws, no horse riding was allowed on any parts of the Parish Council's land.

112. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

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

113. CLUB LEASES

The Chairman advised members that a Working Group of four Councillors had met on 21st April 2008 to discuss the new leases for the Sports Clubs, as the existing leases expire at the end of the year. A report was given by each member of the Working Group.

The Clerk was instructed to find a template of a lease for the Working Group to use.

It was agreed that the new rents would be rounded up to the nearest pound every year, rather than having odd pence.

114. NEW ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk informed members that HDC would accept a hand drawn plan, as long as it was to scale. Cllr Barrett volunteered to do the plan.

Cllrs Jolliffe and Reeve had visited the site and drawn up a rough plan for nine new allotments measuring 10m x 5m. They would be adjacent to the existing allotment site. A gate, parking space and room for sheds were also included. It was not thought the site would encroach on the young trees planted on the Cousins Way Recreation Ground. The Clerk was instructed to let Phil Williams, the Tree Warden who had planted the trees, have a copy of the measurements to obtain his advice.

It was agreed the fence for the new allotments should be chain link and the height of deer fencing and the Clerk was instructed to discover the height of this type of fencing.

115. RENTAL BY AREA OF ALLOTMENTS

Cllrs Jolliffe and Reeve had visited the site and tried to measure each allotment. A great variance in size had been found. It was RESOLVED to have three sizes and price them as Bands A, B & C, using the new allotments at 10m x 5m as the benchmark for Band B.

Cllr Barrett agreed to accompany Cllrs Jolliffe and Reeve to the allotment site to ensure the sizings were correct. .

116. POCKET PARK LEASE

The Committee discussed the Harwoods' suggestion to take over maintenance of Pocket Park from the Parish Council. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed the Clerk should write to Harwoods to seek clarification as to which part they wish to take over.

117. COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

The Communications Team had requested a list of newsworthy items for inclusion in the newsletter by the Clerk. The list was forthcoming from the Committee.

118. DUCK RACE

The Committee received a copy of the notes from the Clerk's meeting with the Duck Race Committee and noted that the Duck Race was to be held on 25th August 2008, being Bank Holiday Monday.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Sussex Police to try to obtain a police presence for the day of the Duck Race.

The Committee had asked permission to erect a metal shed for storage on the hard-standing where the Rugby Club's shed had stood. The Councillors agreed to this but stressed the Committee must be made aware it was a temporary measure, due to the rebuilding of the Sports and Social Club. They also asked for clarification of the size of the shed.

They agreed that enclosing a numbered flyer in the summer edition of the newsletter was a good idea, as it may help attract more people to the event.

119. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence

120. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

There were no items raised by Councillors for inclusion on the next agenda.

121. PAYMENTS

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

EDF Energy	£312.75
Wightman & Parrish	£20.06
Travis Perkins	£12.08
WF Electrical	£10.69

The meeting closed at 9.36pm

.....CHAIRMAN

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