

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 29th May 2008 AT THE SPORTS PAVILION

PRESENT: Cllr. Boulton (Vice Chairman), Cllrs. Barrett, Mrs Botting (from 8.05pm), Denison, Mrs Lawson and Reeve

IN ATTENDANCE: Lesley Hoff (Clerk)

The meeting opened at 8.00pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs Barnett and Jolliffe. Cllr Mrs Botting had sent apologies in advance for arriving late.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

3. MINUTES

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

3.1 THE CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that deer fencing was 1.8m

4. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

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

5. CLUB LEASES

The Clerk advised members that a draft lease had been sent to Hilary Tyrrell at Anderson, Longmore and Higham to peruse. She had raised some queries. She wished to know the exact first and last playing days; how many and which days the club could use the pitch and the notice to quit times.

The Committee suggested the 1st September until 30th April for the playing season and felt it was not necessary to state how many days a week the Club should be allowed to play, as the Groundsman would not permit use of the pitch if it would be damaged. It was agreed the notice to quit should be as suggested by Ms Tyrrell but the Clerk was to confirm the details with Cllr Mrs Barnett before allowing Ms Tyrrell to proceed.

6. NEW ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Barrett produced a suggested plan for the new allotment site. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed the Clerk should put in a planning application and Cllr Boulton stated he would call into the office to help with its completion.

7. RENTAL BY AREA OF ALLOTMENTS

Following the resolution at the meeting of 24th April 2008 to have 3 bands for rental, it was agreed that the payment of water charges should be moved to the allotment holders. This would be brought in when the new leases were devised in October 2010. It was also suggested that open water tanks could be provided to collect rainwater, which allotment holders could use, free of charge, to fill watering cans.

8. POCKET PARK LEASE

The Committee received a report from Cllr Denison (attached to the Minutes as Appendix 2) following his meeting with Glyn Woodage of Harwoods.

It was RESOLVED that Harwoods should take over the lease and maintenance, as discussed. The Clerk was instructed to obtain confirmation that the Groundsman would still be able to leave his grass cuttings in the park and that the Pocket Park Association would be able to have the occasional bonfire, having given prior notice to Harwoods.

9. PARKING AT THE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

The Committee received a complaint from a member of the Bowling Club that inconsiderate parking in the car park had meant the Club's members had found it difficult to park on a couple of occasions.

Members agreed they were unable to help at this time, as the surface would need to be improved first.

10. BIN BY YOUTH SHELTER

The Committee received a request from PCSO Warner on behalf of users of the Youth Shelter for a vandal-proof bin, close at hand.

A quotation had been received from HDC for between £700 and £1000 for such a bin.

Even though a previous ordinary litterbin had been thrown in the stream, members felt it could not justify the expense and hoped the youths would learn to walk to another bin with their rubbish.

11. NEW NETS FOR MSF

Following a brief discussion, the Clerk was instructed to order new nets for the min-football goalposts within the MSF.

12. REPAIR OF SHEDS AT ALLOTMENTS

Following a short discussion, the Clerk was instructed to find someone to replace the roof felt on sheds Nos. 4 & 5. It was suggested the Parish Council should advertise for an odd-job man, to work on an "as and when" basis and the Parish Council would pay the insurance.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 1.

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

A Councillor asked that the provision of a plaque on an oak tree near the Chequers Hotel be added to the next agenda.

15. PAYMENTS

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

Pulborough Social Centre	£38.76
C Barnett	£10.40

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

.....CHAIRMAN

.....DATE

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Letter from Mrs VE Chapman requesting the provision of a skateboard ramp**
Members received a letter from Mrs Chapman requesting a skateboard ramp, to which the Clerk sent a reply. Previously copied to Committee.
- 2. South Downs Light Railway**
The Committee received a letter from the Chairman of the South Downs Light Railway, asking for the opportunity to discuss ways for the railway to play a part in village life. The Clerk sent a reply copied to Committee.
- 3. Creased Up- the newsletter of Pulborough Cricket Club.**
Members received a copy of the Cricket Club's newsletter.
- 4. Byelaws**
The Committee noted that Bryn Evans has retired and the Pulborough case has been taken over by Liz Creswick. The members also noted the suggested alterations received by HDC from the Communities and Local Government Dept for the Parish Council's byelaws.