

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 25th September 2008 AT THE SPORTS PAVILION

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Barnett (Chairman), Barrett, Mrs Botting, Boulton
(from 7.36pm), Denison, Jolliffe, Mrs Lawson and Reeve

IN ATTENDANCE: Lesley Hoff (Clerk), Cllr Clarke and two members of the public

The meeting opened at 8.00pm

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

49. MINUTES

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

49.1 THE CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that the owner of the burger van, which used the Stopham lay-by, had advised the rubbish was left by the patrons of the two takeaway outlets near the station.

Rob Free had advised he planned to plant heather in November and thought it would be a good opportunity for a photocall.

BEL Signs had advised that a quotation for a tree plaque would be issued shortly.

Southern had given permission for the removal and restoration of the stone trough and this was an item on the next Planning and Services Committee meeting.

50. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

51. BYELAWS

The Committee discussed at length the amendments to the byelaws, received from Communities and Local Government.

The Clerk was instructed to advise HDC that the Parish Council did own a car park.

The Clerk was also instructed to order signs stating no dogs allowed in the play area and also to ensure there were signs on both gates, limiting the age of children using the equipment.

52. CHRISTMAS DECORATION GRANT

Members were advised that the Traders' Group were to take over the Christmas lights in its part of Lower Street.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would provide lighting in the large tree as usual and around Swan Corner.

The Clerk was instructed to apply for the grant, which it was noted was lower than in previous years.

53. ALLOTMENT HOLDERS LEASES

Members were informed that it had been agreed by the Finance and Policy Committee that allotment holders should be charged by the square metre and that a draft copy of the new lease for 2009/2010 had been posted out to all plot holders that day. They were being given 30 days to comment.

Members agreed that there should only be three bands for charging, based on the size by square metre.

A Councillor queried why the water was not turned off during the winter months like other allotment sites in the area. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain from the Allotment Society whether the members approved of the idea, as it would save the pipes during the winter months. The Clerk was also instructed to obtain the rates charged by Southwater, Storrington and Horsham in time for next month's meeting, when the issue would be raised on the agenda.

54. WISH LIST 2009/2010

The Committee discussed Next year's wish list in detail. It was agreed that the following should be taken to full Council for inclusion on next year's list

- ◆ New equipment for the play area on the Recreation Ground
- ◆ A small shower block and toilets on Cousins Way Recreation Ground
- ◆ A new bridge in Pocket Park
- ◆ Moving 2 benches from outside to inside the play area
- ◆ Moving a bench from behind the cricket nets to outside Pocket Park
- ◆ Two rustic benches for Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground
- ◆ Resiting of the basketball post
- ◆ Mend pot holes in car park
- ◆ External lighting for the Pavilion

The Clerk was instructed to obtain quotations for moving the benches and to provide brochures containing examples of rustic seating.

55. TREES FOR SHADE

Members received a letter from Phil Williams, the Village Tree Warden, suggesting the Trees for Shade in Cousins Way Recreation Ground were moved. After a brief discussion, it was AGREED the trees should be moved to the site of the old skateboard park, to create a shady area.

The Clerk was instructed to advise Phil Williams of the Committee's decision and to inform him the Parish Council would also purchase a new Red Oak, as the original had been stolen.

The Clerk was also instructed to add the clearing of the brambles on Cousins Way Recreation Ground to the list of tasks for the handyman.

56. BENCH NEAR POCKET PARK

This item had already been discussed in Minute Number 54.

The Clerk was instructed to ascertain whether HDC could provide a bin with black bags for Pocket Park.

57. PLAY EQUIPMENT IN RECTORY CLOSE PLAY AREA

It was noted that ARD had quoted £923.50 to repair the Wicksteed Cantilever Swing.

The Clerk was instructed to ask Mark Grace from Monster Play for a quotation.

58. LEAF VACUUM

Cllr Jolliffe showed brochures on various leaf vacuums. He suggested the Hurricane was a good option, as it would also clear broken bottles, turning the glass into powder and collecting cans.

The Clerk was instructed to arrange for a demonstration for the Groundsman as soon as possible.

59. CHAIRS IN MEETING ROOM

The Committee noted that the Village Hall had provided chairs, free of charge to replace the worn chairs in the meeting room.

The subject of the disposal of the older chairs was discussed. Cllr Jolliffe offered to ascertain the cost of taking them to the tip at Billingshurst.

60. RAMP LEADING TO EAST GLEBE FIELD

Members were invited to comment on the preliminary plans for a ramp leading to the East Glebe Field. The Committee approved but agreed with the Chairman's comment observation that there should be a barrier to stop anyone on wheels shooting out onto Lower Street.

61. CORRESPONDENCE

Communities in Local Government – A Consultation on the Making and Enforcement of Byelaws

Cllr Reeve took the document to study.

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

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

63. PAYMENTS

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

SALC	£264.38
SALC	£4.70
Viking Direct	£12.09
Viking Direct	£48.33
L Hoff	£49.64
Storrington PC	£75.00

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

.....CHAIRMAN

.....DATE

Next meeting 30th October 2008