

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 30th October 2008 AT THE SPORTS PAVILION

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Barnett (Chairman), Boulton Denison, Jolliffe and Reeve

IN ATTENDANCE: Lesley Hoff (Clerk)

The meeting opened at 8.00pm

64. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and approved from Cllrs Mrs Botting and Mrs Lawson. Cllr Clarke sent his apologies and it was noted that Cllr Barrett had resigned.

65. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

66. MINUTES

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th September 2008 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and the Chairman signed them.

66.1 THE CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that HDC were unable to supply the sack-holder type of bins or empty them. It was agreed to put the discussion of litter bins on the next agenda.

Members were informed that a demonstration of the leaf vacuum was arranged for 5th November 2008 at the Recreation Ground. The Groundsman, Mr Leadbeatter and Cllr Jolliffe would be in attendance.

The Clerk advised the Committee that a quotation for repairs for the cantilever swing was still awaited from Monster Play.

67. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

68. BENCHES

The Committee discussed the purchase of three benches. One would be on the Recreation Ground, near Pocket Park and the two others inside the play area. It was **AGREED** that the purchase of three should be put on hold but a grant should be requested for the first bench. This was due to the need for the elderly to have somewhere to rest, when returning from the Medical Centre.

69. STONE TROUGH AND MEMORIAL GARDEN

Members noted that a total of five Councillors, the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk had been unable to locate the stone trough. It was agreed this issue should now be removed from the agenda.

The Committee then discussed the updating of the Memorial Garden. It was agreed that an article should be included in the next newsletter, asking residents if anyone was aware of the location of the swan, originally sited at Swan Corner and the hitching post, formerly outside the Arun Hotel. It was hoped these items could be found and returned to the Village.

70. ALLOTMENT HOLDERS DRAFT LEASE 2009/2010

Following a very lengthy discussion and having taken into consideration the comments from the allotment holders, various alterations were made to the draft lease. These would then be recommended to full Council at the meeting of 27th November 2008.

71. ALLOTMENT SITE

It was noted a request had been received for matting in the allotment area. The request was declined, due to expense in the present economic climate and the fact that allotment holders were not expected to drive on the areas where matting was wanted.

The Clerk reported the free butts were expected from the Body Shop within the next two weeks. The Allotment Society had asked that the water be left on all year. After discussing the request, it was AGREED the water should be left turned on.

It was also decided that water should be charged to sites according to size. Cllrs Jolliffe and Reeve offered to measure the existing plots, which would be charged at the bands, using the new allotment as the middle measurement.

72. S106 FUNDING FOR NEW ALLOTMENTS

Members supplied the Clerk with a list of items that would require quotations. It was AGREED that, when the quotations had all been received, the Clerk should apply for s106 funding for the new allotments.

73. SPORTS CLUBS DRAFT LEASES

The Committee noted that comments had been received from the Cricket Club. The Clerk was instructed to respond to these comments.

The Clerk was instructed to prepare draft leases for all clubs in time for the next meeting of the Committee on 20th November 2008.

74. TREE PLAQUE

Members received the quotation for the tree plaque. The Clerk was instructed to contact the HDC Heritage department to request funding for the plaque. It was AGREED it should be the same height as the existing sign and be on a long spike, cemented into the ground.

75. RADIO-LINKED SMOKE ALARMS

It was noted that Cllr Quested was to see the contractor the following week to obtain advice on how many alarms would be required.

76. CHAIRS IN MEETING ROOM

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed the Councillors should meet on Thursday, 6th November to dismantle the chairs.

77. GATE IN RECREATION GROUND FENCE

The Committee received the suggestion that a gate should be put into the fence behind the Pavilion, to prevent the fence being vandalised all the time. As there is no public right of way, the request was declined.

78. RUSTIC SEATING

The Clerk produced designs and quotations for rustic seating for the members to peruse. A Councillor suggested this should be discussed at the next meeting, by which time, the products of a local firm would have been viewed.

79. FIREWORKS ON COUSINS WAY RECREATION GROUND

The Committee received the request from the Allotment Society to hold a small firework display on the Cousins Way Recreation Ground.

Following a discussion, it was AGREED the request should be declined. This was because the Recreation Ground is a public open space and should any accidents occur, the Parish Council would be liable.

80. FLOODLIGHTS TRIP SWITCH

This item had been discussed at the Advisory Committee meeting prior to this meeting. The outcome was that the Clerk was instructed to ascertain why the trip switch had been relocated to the tractor shed, which was kept locked and alarmed and to ask for it to be returned to the Football Club's shed.

81. CORRESPONDENCE

DJ Flynn Services

Members received a booklet from DJ Flynn Services showing hire charges for various items of equipment.

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

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

83. PAYMENTS

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

CPRE	£28.00
SALC	£188.00
Viking Direct	£117.13
Banhams	£383.05
DJ Flynn Services	£329.00
DJ Flynn Services	£1421.12

The meeting closed at 9.27pm

.....CHAIRMAN

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