

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 29th January 2009 AT THE SPORTS PAVILION

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs Barnett (Chairman), Mrs Botting, Denison, Jolliffe,
Mrs Lawson, Parker and Reeve

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Clarke and Lesley Hoff (Clerk)

The meeting opened at 8.00pm

104. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

105. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

106. MINUTES

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th November 2008 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and the Chairman signed them.

106.1 THE CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that the key to the bowling green had been received.

The Clerk informed members that one or two bins were to be replaced with fire retardant bins in the new financial year. The bin at Stopham lay-by was to be relocated to another place. Councillors were not happy with this decision and instructed the Clerk to advise HDC.

The Clerk reported that one more quotation for the installation of the smoke alarms was awaited.

The allotment holders' leases were still being discussed by the Finance and Policy Committee.

107. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

108. QUOTATIONS FOR CAR PARK RESURFACING

Councillors had previously received and studied the three quotations for resurfacing the car park. It agreed this should be done as a matter of urgency, before a member of the public fell due to a pothole. Following a lengthy discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to recommend the acceptance of the quotation from E P Clark & Co Ltd to full Council.

109. REPAINTING LINES IN MULTI-SPORTS FACILITY

The Councillors discussed the quotation for repainting the lines in the Multi-Sports Facility and **RESOLVED** to accept it. The Clerk was instructed to obtain another quotation for clearing the court of algae and to accept the cheaper.

110. SPORTS CLUBS LICENCES

There followed a lengthy discussion on how to fairly distribute the cost of the water rates amongst the sports and social clubs. The Clerk was instructed to arrange for water meters for the Social Club, the cricket ground and the rest of the Pavilion. There should be an amendment to the licences, stating the rent was for leasing the ground and the facilities. RPI should be used as the basis for increasing the rent and the water rate would increase as stated by Southern Water. It should be estimated for Year One as 20% on the rent and adjusted the following year.

The Committee RESOLVED this should go to full Council for ratification.

111. SOCIAL CLUB ROOF

Following a brief discussion when the members agreed the flooding caused by the leaking roof could not continue, the Clerk was instructed to contact three builders to obtain quotations and options for a pitched roof for the Pavilion. The Responsible Finance Officer was to be made aware.

112. PAVILION DOOR

The Committee had been asked to look at repairing or replacing the double doors to the front of the pavilion. The Chairman offered to ascertain which option was necessary, with the help of Mr Jupp from the Football Club and Mr Feest from the Cricket Club. The members RESOLVED that if the repairs were small, £100 could be spent without further reference to the Committee.

113. BENCH ON THE RECREATION GROUND

Following the disappointing refusal of a grant from the Chanctonbury Local Council Committee for a new bench by Pocket Park, it was AGREED to revisit the issue in six months time.

114. BOWLING CLUB BROWN SIGNS

Members received a letter from the Bowling Club, requesting brown direction signs be erected, advising visiting teams of the route to the Club. It was thought to be a very good idea. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Head Teacher at St. Mary's School, to see how the application for direction signs for the School was progressing and to ascertain whom the Parish Council should contact at WSCC. The Clerk was also asked to advise the Bowling Club that the idea had received approval.

115. NUTBOURNE COMMON RECREATION GROUND

A Councillor advised members that, following a site visit, she thought it was time for another tidy up at Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground. It was AGREED to have a working party meet at the Ground on Sunday 22nd February 2009 at 10am. Members were asked to bring appropriate tools and protective clothing. The Clerk was instructed to provide a poster for the noticeboard, asking for volunteers from Nutbourne to come along to help.

116. WSCC PURPLE BUS

The Committee received a partnership agreement document from WSCC. The Chairman took the document home to study.

117. ARUN PLANT HIRE

Members received the quotations from Arun Plant Hire for clearing brambles at Cousins Way and the Sports and Social Club car park. It was AGREED that in this financial climate, nothing should be spent on these projects. The brambles by the car park no longer needed clearing as the car park was not to be extended. It was felt that the Groundsman could cut back a little every time he mowed the Recreation Ground.

118. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Following receipt of various quotations, it was AGREED the replacing of the roundabout took priority. Cllr Parker offered to do a playground inspection, for which he is qualified and to report back and also bring in play equipment brochures for the Committee to study.

119. NUTCROFT

Members received a request from a resident in Nutcroft to cut back a pussy willow and oak tree that were overhanging his garden. This work was previously done by the former Groundsman. The Clerk was instructed to ask the Handyman to cut back the pussy willow and to ask the Village Tree Warden to look at the oak tree and advise whether a tree surgeon was needed to do the work.

120. CORRESPONDENCE

The Correspondence is attached to these minutes as Appendix 1.

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

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

122. PAYMENTS

RESOLVED: that the following payment be made and cheque drawn:

Pulborough Social Centre £88.90

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

.....CHAIRMAN

.....DATE

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CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Clerk, Clerks & Councils Direct, Future Fitness and County Times

Members noted the articles concerning the new play equipment that appeared in the above journals.