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MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2009 AT THE SPORTS PAVILION

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Norman (Deputy Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.45pm

123. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clarke & Mrs Botting

124. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

125. MINUTES

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th January 2009 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and the Chairman signed them.

125.1 THE CLERK'S REPORT

The Deputy Clerk advised that Martin Ireson had been instructed to install the smoke alarms at the Pavilion.

Colourways have been instructed to paint the lines on MSF and this will be done during March.

The Pavilion car park will be resurfaced on 5 March and leaflets have been printed to advise that no cars may be parked that day. The Chairman had given a supply of these to the S&SC who had said that they would but the large wheeled bins across the car park on Wednesday evening to prevent anyone parking there.

The Sports Club leases are currently with Anderson Longmore & Higham.

The Clerk is to call in a structural engineer re pitched roof for pavilion and will obtain quotations of expected cost of such a survey from P Dickin & Co and Philip Willmer.

The Headteacher of St Mary's knew nothing about the brown direction signs, thinking the Parish Council still had to give its support. The plan to use a back entrance for children walking to school from Glebelands has been shelved.

The next meeting at NCRG with Dan Cornell will probably be 15 March as 22nd is Mothers' Day

The cutting back of the trees at Nutcroft was in hand.

Tree plaque - smaller one has been ordered and will be paid by HDC. Cllr Parker agreed to collect it when ready.

126. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

127. QUOTATIONS FOR FENCING AT NEW ALLOTMENTS

The Committee considered the 3 quotations circulated previously and RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Keen Fencing.

128. PLAYGROUND REPAIRS

Cllr Parker advised that he had taken a look at the main recreation ground play area but would need to know the exact reason why ARD were recommending an entire safety surface be replaced at a cost of at least £6616. The Deputy Clerk AGREED to provide Cllr Parker with a copy of the last inspection and he can then report back more fully at the next meeting.

The Committee then went on to discuss the quotation from ARD to carry out all the Priority 1,2 and 3 works and it was RESOLVED to carry out all Priority 1, except the new safety surface, as soon as possible followed by items 2,3,6,7,9 and 10 of the ARD quotation.

129. WATER METERS

The Deputy Clerk advised that the Clerk had obtained a general quotation via the internet for the installation of 3 meters, with the cost being in the region of £300. A formal quotation was awaited from Southern Water. The Committee RESOLVED to instruct Southern water to install the meters on the assumption that the final quote was as expected.

130. CAR PARKING AT ALLOTMENTS

The Deputy Clerk advised that one quote for £2750 had been received and were awaiting a further one. A discussion followed during which the suggestion was made to provide car parking through the access off Cousins Way. The Committee AGREED to await the second quotation and then review again.

131. RUBBER MATTING

The Committee considered the information supplied but AGREED this type of matting was unsuitable. It was suggestion that concrete or plastic matting that allowed the grass to grow through may be more suitable. The Chairman requested that the Deputy Clerk arrange another meeting for herself with Mr Feest and Mr Jupp to discuss the issue further and to ascertain if the area to be matted may be reduced.

132. CORRESPONDENCE

The Correspondence is attached to these minutes as Appendix 1.

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

Cllr Parker has obtained brochures for a new roundabout and asked that this issue be discussed.

Further to item 130, it was requested that alternative parking off Cousins Way be discussed.

134. PAYMENTS

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

Inland Waterways Assoc	£47.00
Wightman & Parrish	£75.22
Ricoh UK Ltd	£264.32
Clearway	£184.00
Auditing Solutions	£414.00
SLCC	£150.00
Arun Mowers	£2645.00
SALC	£51.75

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

.....CHAIRMAN

.....DATE

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Professional Weed Solutions

The Committee received a letter of introduction from the director of Professional Weed Solutions.

2. Action in Rural Sussex - The West Sussex Village of the Year 2009

Members were asked to note that the closing date for entries for the West Sussex Village of the Year 2009 competition is 9 March 2009.

3. Trees for Shade

The Committee noted comments from Tree Warden regarding Trees for Shade on Top Recreation Ground

4. Structural Survey of Pavilion

The Committee was advised that Brian Timms had spoken to Philip Willmer who is prepared to help.

5. Southern Water

The Committee received a letter from Southern Water and requested the completion of the "Non-Return to Sewer Analysis" form.