

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2009 AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lesley Hoff (Clerk)

*The meeting opened at 8.10pm*

**135. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Botting and Clarke.

**136. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**137. MINUTES**

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and the Chairman signed them.

**137.1 THE CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported that Dickin & Co had visited the pavilion and had quoted £750 to provide a report on the building. Philip Willmer from Studio 5 Architects was to meet Cllr Quested on 30 March 2009 to ascertain what is required.

The Clerk reminded members that the next meeting at NCRG with Dan Cornell would be on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

The Clerk showed the Committee the tree plaque and advised that a letter would be sent to Jeremy Knight, the Curator of Horsham Museum, thanking him for providing the plaque.

**138. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING**

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

**139. SURFACING OUTSIDE THE SPORTS CLUBS' SHEDS**

Following a lengthy discussion it was **AGREED** that members of the Committee should meet on site to ascertain the exact problem. The Clerk was instructed to email a list of suggested dates to the Committee and to locate a map of the drainage system on the Recreation Ground.

**140. REPLACEMENT SURFACE FOR TOWER RAINBOW UNIT**

Cllr Parker apologised and advised he had been unable to check the surface of the play equipment as yet. It was **AGREED** to carry forward this item to the next meeting.

**141. NEW DOORS TO PAVILION**

The Committee studied the two quotations received so far. It was AGREED the Chairman should approach the Social Club to ascertain who had provided its doors and to obtain a quotation from that source.

It was also AGREED that Cllr Quedsted should be given a list of what was needed in the refurbishment of the pavilion, which included a new pitched roof; extra changing rooms for ladies; a small kitchen and disabled toilet near the meeting room; an alteration to the external door in the snooker room to allow entrance and a proper fire door from the corridor.

**142. CAR PARKING AT ALLOTMENT SITE**

Following a high quotation for increasing the size of the car park in the existing allotment site, it was AGREED that using part of the Cousins Way Recreation Ground would be a better option. This would allow for parking for allotment holders, member of the Pythons Teams using the pitches on this Recreation Ground and extra parking for parents taking their children to St Mary's School.

The Clerk was instructed to find the cost of plastic matting and bollards and to move the existing gate, to obtain planning permission and to instruct Mr Keen that the gate in the new fencing may need to be relocated.

**143. NOTICEBOARD AT NUTBOURNE COMMON RECREATION GROUND**

Members received a photograph from Mr Frank Riddle of the noticeboard he had made for Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground and were very impressed.

Mr Riddle had also suggested a photographic laminated description of the flora and fauna be included. This was thought to be a very good idea but it was AGREED it should wait until the Autumn. Mr Bruce Middleton of the Sussex Downland Joint Committee was due to attend a meeting to give a presentation on the wildlife and plants in Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground in September. He had advised that he expected more plants to establish themselves during the intervening months.

**144. PARKING IN BASKETBALL AREA**

The Chairman reported having received complaints from children who were unable to use the basketball area due to it being used as a car park. Following a brief discussion it was AGREED the basketball area should be moved to the other side of the Multi-Sports Facility, as it was dangerous where it was and always full of parked cars.

Cllr Parker stated he would speak to his superior to see whether any grants for the work were available. The Clerk was also instructed to see what grants were available.

**145. FUNFAIR**

The Committee were pleased to see the funfair wished to return to Pulborough in May this year. The Clerk was instructed to ensure they were aware they must be careful of the trees on Cousins Way Recreation Ground.

**146. CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL SESSIONS**

Following a very brief discussion it was **AGREED** the Clerk should be able to give permission for the Brighton & Hove Albion training days for children without having to refer to Councillors.

**147. MOBILE SKATE RAMP**

A discussion took place to decide on the best location for a mobile skateboard ramp, which was to be provided on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009 by HDC. It was **AGREED** the car park was the best place for it, with the proviso that any damage to the new surface would be made good.

One Councillor offered to assist at the event.

The Clerk was instructed to contact County Times to advise of the dates of both the visit of the mobile skateboard ramp and the Brighton and Hove Albion training session.

**148. SOUTHERN WATER METERS**

The Clerk asked for assistance in completing the Southern Water meter request and was advised to leave blank or put "not applicable" in any sections where the answer was unclear.

**149. GOALPOSTS AND NETS**

The Committee received pricings for replacement goalposts and nets for the Recreation Ground. The Chairman informed members the football nets were in constant use and were most cost effective. To replace the goalposts would cost £582 and the Clerk was instructed to ensure there were funds available on the budget before ordering.

**150. SIGNAGE AT ENTRANCE TO CAR PARK**

Members discussed the need for further signage at the Pavilion car park to alert motorists it was for users of the facilities only. It was also felt necessary for a sign warning of the footpath crossing the entrance.

The Clerk was instructed to order the required signs.

**151. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Correspondence is attached to these minutes as Appendix 1.

**152. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA**

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

**153. PAYMENTS**

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

Emenda RBS Ltd	£897.94
Viking Direct	£35.27
L Hoff	£46.58
ColourWorks	£816.50

***The meeting closed at 9.28pm***

.....CHAIRMAN

.....DATE

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. **HDC - Improving Children's Play in Horsham District**  
The Committee received notification of a new grant scheme. Copied to Committee.
2. **Pulborough Bowling Club**  
Members received a reply from the Bowling Club concerning the damage to the bowling green.
3. **Purple Bus**  
The Committee noted a copy of the Partnership Agreement had been received.
4. **Russell Leisure Ltd**  
Members received a brochure on self-assembly play equipment.
5. **Phil Williams - Trees on Cousins Way Recreation Ground**  
Members received an email from Phil Williams concerning the trees on Cousins Way Recreation Ground and noted the contents. Copied to Committee.
6. **Frank Riddle - Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground**  
The Committee received an email from Mr Riddle concerning horse riding on Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground and the naming of the locality. The contents was noted. Copied to Committee.