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Minutes of the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee held at the United Reformed Church, 82 Lower Street, Pulborough, RH20 2DW on Monday 12th October 2026 at 6:00pm.

Councillors present: Cllrs. Elizabeth Hunt (Chair), Sharon Curd, Jeannie Esdaile, Jon Campbell, and Paul Clarke.

Officers: Beverly Jones (Deputy Clerk) and Carol Boniface (Neighbourhood Warden)

Members of the Public: None

The meeting commenced at 6:31pm

The Chair welcomed all present and gave a safety announcement.

R0111. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bailey (prior commitment), Cllr Marcuson (prior commitment).

R0112. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

R0113. Minutes of the previous Recreation and Open Spaces Committee Meeting

The minutes from the meeting held 29th June 2026 were approved & signed by the Chair.

R0114. Public forum and questions

There were no members of the public present.

R0115. Club reports .

There were no Club reports sent in.

R0116. Air Quality Monitoring

Members received a report regarding a request to use S106 Monies for air quality monitoring on Church Hill. HDC will take ownership of the monitor, and their Air Quality

team will take responsibility for maintenance, the funds will cover the operation period with the supplier and ongoing costs.

Real time data will be publicly available online.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree in principle to support the Air Quality monitoring on Church Hill, this will now be taken to Full Council for **RATIFICATION.**

R0117. Codmore Hill Bus stops

Members received a report from the Deputy Clerk with three suggestions for the bus shelters which have been covered in graffiti on Codmore Hill near Sainsbury's.

HDC have been along and tried to clean the graffiti off however, this has made that panes of Perspex appear opaque.

Three options were discussed, painting murals on the panels, painting the panels in Sussex Green paint or removing the Perspex completely.

It was proposed that we get HDC to clean the Perspex even if the panes will appear opaque.

Members **RESOLVED** to get the Deputy Clerk to contact HDC to continue cleaning the bus shelters.

R0118. Fireworks at St Mary's School

Members received a report from St Mary's School confirming their firework display has been arranged Friday for 6th November 2026 from 17:30-19:30.

The display has been deliberately designed throughout to reduce noise, with around 20% consisting of specifically low-noise effects and the remainder using carefully selected reduced-noise products and effects.

Members **NOTED** the report

R0119. Pump Track on Recreation Ground

Carole Boniface gave a presentation to members with regards to hiring of a pump track to be placed on the recreation field for a day. Our Neighbourhood Wardens have raised some funds so far however, they do have a shortfall and it needs further funding.

Members discussed options pertaining to where it would be erected, it needs to be a flat surface, not necessarily on grass however, it would be safer if it were placed on grass.

As the nights are now drawing in members would like it to be held during 2027 after the winter period. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to hold it in during the spring half-term.

Members **RESOLVED** to re-visit this in our first meeting after the Christmas break.

R0120. Wild Pulborough

There was nothing to report for Wild Pulborough

R0121. Youth Activities

Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) that is being run by our Neighbourhood Wardens for young people is very popular and is going from strength to strength, it runs every fortnight. There is also interest for an adult D&D and a new Dungeon Master has been found and this will be launching very soon.

There has also been interest to create a Pokémon Club where cards can be traded.

The future of music programme has begun again at St Mary's School; they are currently building a choir with solo singers.

Bev who is providing the training is now running the lessons as a course so they have a structured itinerary that they have to follow, the children will be working towards a performance later in the year in front of a live audience.

R0122. Memorial Gardens and Community Allotment.

Cllr Hunt reported that a head gardener is needed for the BT garden, there has been interest in making this a herb garden. The Community Allotment won 1st prize at the Harvest Fair for their produce; the hamper entered was then donated to a vulnerable resident in Pulborough.

R0123. Payments

Members **RESOLVED** approval of the Payments List, which was duly signed by two authorising members.

The meeting closed at 19:04