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**MINUTES OF THE  
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT PULBOROUGH SPORTS PAVILION  
ON THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Henly (Chairman), Court, Campbell, Clarke, Ellis-Brown, Esdaile, Hare, Hunt, and Riddle.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** N Wiltshire (Deputy Clerk).

*The meeting opened at 7.30pm*

**69. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and reasons approved from Cllr Lawson (personal reason).

**70. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CHANGES TO REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest or changes to the Register of Interests made.

**71. MINUTES**

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and the Chairman signed them.

Clerk's Report

• **SCYP**

This afternoon's SCYP event was held outside with the Purple Bus in attendance.

• **Pulborough Parish Footpath Charter**

Following a conversation with Cllrs Ellis-Brown and Hands at The Village Market, Cllr Hare had asked that the Pulborough Parish Footpath Charter be distributed to Councillors, for information only. Members asked that this be an Agenda item for the next meeting so that consideration could be given to examine the Charter to establish whether it needs updating.

• **Recreation Ground**

Representatives of the Cricket Club have arranged to meet members of the Parish Council to liaise on several topics, including financial matters. There has been concern expressed about other clubs' activities affecting the cricket playing area, however, the facilities are shared, and some accommodation has to be shown to enable different sports to co-exist on the same recreation ground.

**72. PUBLIC SPEAKING**

There were no public registered to speak present.

**73. RECREATION CLUB REPORTS**

The Deputy Clerk reported the following for information:

S&SC

Under the Steward's Report in the Minutes of the S&SC Committee meeting held on 22.11.22 (previously circulated to Members) it has been misreported that the Parish Council "would hire a machine to make the floors nonslip" given that the S&SC had already taken action to alleviate the problem of the floors being slippery. It was felt that a visit to air any concerns should be arranged with S&SC, as tenant, and the Parish Council, as landlord, for their mutual benefit. The availability of the lease was touched upon; this is held in the Parish Office and is available should Members wish to view it.

Bowls Club

The Club advised that they are in a similar position to last month so there is nothing to report other than they have their first Bowls Club meeting next Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February.

Sussex Clubs for Young People (SCYP)

The Team Manager, Sheri Birch, notified the Office that due to the sunny weather today the Purple Bus was used for SCYP activities today.

**74. PULBOROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (PCP) – CORONATION PICNIC**

Members received details of arrangements for holding a Coronation Picnic on the Recreation Ground. After some discussion it was **AGREED** that PCP be granted permission to use the Recreation Ground for the purposes of their proposed Coronation Picnic on Saturday 6th May 2023. It was noted that arrangements would be much revised and reduced if the A29 Landslip at Church Hill remained an issue.

**75. PULBOROUGH RECREATION GROUND – PROTECTIVE MEASURES**

Cllr Ellis-Brown reported that he had spoken with Cllr Davies about developing a Gantt chart and plan for this meeting, however, this had not proved possible so it was anticipated that they would be available at the next meeting. The Deputy Clerk had previously circulated a copy of an email response to his enquiry as to whether the Parish Council would receive any income net of associated costs involved with this exercise. The answer was, as follows: "the higher/wider the bund the more scope there is for income as the costs of machine and compliance are fixed and daily, so volume of material is key. This would only become clear when a site visit was undertaken."

**76. FITNESS CLASSES ON THE MAIN RECREATION GROUND**

This item had been discussed at the previous meeting (**Min. 64, 26.01.23**). The Deputy Clerk reported that, as requested, he had attempted to contact the Clerk to Coldwaltham Parish Council for details regarding their arrangements with the personal trainer in question at Watersfield but had received no response. The Deputy Clerk said that he would try contacting the Clerk again as well as the personal trainer for details. Accordingly, it was decided that the matter would be deferred until the next meeting.

**77. TREES**

This item had been deferred from the previous meeting (**Min. 64, 26.01.23**). Having considered various parish councils' Tree Policies, it was **RESOLVED** to adopt Rusper Parish Council's Tree Policy, suitably modified for the Parish Council's particular circumstances.

**78. PAVILION REPAIR COSTS**

Members **RESOLVED** to **RATIFY** the total cost of £330.00 for implementing repairs to the roof over the kitchen.

**79. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items were noted, as per the list previously circulated:

**S&SC**

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 and Profit and Loss Comparison. *(Copied to Committee)*

**Sussex Green Living**

February Newsletter – Fabulous new initiatives this month – New Service for Horsham Repair Café| Community Energy Horsham| New Toy Swap Initiative| Youth Eco Forum| Sussex Green Ideas| Sussex Green Hub| Horsham Repair Café| Upcycling Workshops| Fairtrade Fortnight| Kinder Living Show

**Community Matters**

Email 09.01.23 Community Matters Barometer Report

**PAYMENTS**

Members **RESOLVED** approval of the Payments List, which was duly signed by two authorising members, comprising the following payments:

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| Horsham District Council | £12.80 |
| Horsham District Council | £39.90 |
| Daisy Communications     | £41.26 |
| National Westminster     | £3.15  |

*The meeting closed at 8.05pm*

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