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**MINUTES OF THE
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 10th March 2020
AT THE SPORTS PAVILION**

PRESENT: Cllrs Henly (Chairman), Clarke, Court, Hare, Harvey & Lawson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs L Underwood (Deputy Clerk) & representatives of sports clubs – Mr M Walsh (Snooker Club), Mr L Adsett (Bowling Club), Mr C Cook (SCYP), Mr M Woolgar (Cricket Club), Mr D Greenfield, Mr B Vincent (S&SC) & Mr C Jupp (PFC).

The meeting opened at 7.45pm

95. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Riddle.

96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CHANGES TO REGISTER OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

There were no changes to Register of Interests.

97. MINUTES

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th February 2020 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and the Chairman signed them.

Clerk's Report

From the meeting held on 13.02. 20

Min No. 88 – Residential Request – To Cut Back a Tree in Pocket Park to Avoid Dispersal of Seeds onto Property

A report and quotation have now been received from the Tree Surgeon; however the quotation is a lot higher than the budget agreed at the last R&OS meeting. Therefore, the Deputy Clerk is in the process of obtaining further quotations. The Tree Surgeon did advise that works should not be carried out until the end of May/beginning of June because of nesting birds. The Deputy Clerk will bring the quotations to the next available meeting.

98. PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no public speakers.

99. RECREATION CLUB REPORTS

No reports or items to be discussed have been received.

100. UPDATED FLOOR PLANS FOR PAVILION REFURBISHMENT

The Chairman invited representatives of the sports clubs to join in this part of the meeting.

Cllr. Hare advised that the previous plans were too costly, estimated in excess of £2 million, so a more cost effective proposal has now been submitted, which is in 3 sections:

1. Part re-build.
2. Part refurb.
3. Use of overarching roof.

The Parish Council would like new community groups to be able to use the refurbished pavilion, so clubs will need to be flexible to allow this.

Cllr. Clarke explained that the new proposals have been estimated in the region of £880,000 and although there are some funds available to the Parish Council, a shortfall of approximately £440,000 is still required. Members would like the Parish Council and sports clubs to work together on this project and requested that the sports clubs look into what funding avenues from their league/association bodies etc are available to the clubs.

Mr Cook (SCYP) advised that they have access to funding and they will look into what may be available. The Government are also putting in £500 million nationally for youth centre provision, so SCYP can put in an application for that funding.

Mr Cook (SCYP) also advised that Active Sussex are looking for satellite clubs to be put into their units, so if there is a willingness from Pulborough sports clubs to work together with SCYP they can look into encouraging younger people to get involved with various sports and how to obtain funding.

Mr Woolgar advised that cricket funding streams are very poor and funding was previously looked into with Sports England, but he was advised that it wasn't an avenue that could be pursued.

The sport club representatives queried the costs of this project and Members explained that they were only estimates based on the new plans, at this stage. The Parish Council is yet to go out to tender for the building costs for this project.

All sport clubs representatives apart from Mr Greenfield & Mr Cook left the meeting at 8.25pm.

Mr Cook advised that he could act as a broker with the clubs to work together, with a youth focus, to explore options.

Mr Cook asked what the Parish Council needed to do before the tendering process. Cllr. Clarke advised that Studio 5 will be consulted, but probably start the planning process with HDC, but the Parish Council want to have the funding outlined first.

Finally, Mr Greenfield indicated that he would be happy for other groups to use the marked 'Social Club' area during the daytime.

Mr Greenfield and Mr Cook left the meeting after this item.

101. GROUND TREATMENT WORKS

Members received a quotation for regular ground treatment works from Professional Weed Solutions Ltd, totalling £890.00 + vat and **RESOLVED** to accept this quotation, with the works to be carried out in April 2020.

102. BOUNDARY FENCE AT NUTBOURNE COMMON RECREATION GROUND (NCRG)

Cllr. Lawson had advised that the fence posts at NCRG were rotten and needed replacing. Members received two quotations and **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation of £1142.00 + vat from Keen Fencing, but Members would like Cllr. Hare to view the fence posts first, to make sure that they all need replacing. Cllr. Hare will conduct a site visit asap, so the Deputy Clerk can instruct the contractors before the end of March, so that the costs can be allocated to this financial year's contingency budget.

103. ALLOTMENT HOLDER REQUEST

Members received two requests from an allotment holder:

- Request for permission for Grand Designs tv program to film at the allotment as part of their house building project in Pulborough. Members **RESOLVED** to give permission, providing that only the plot holders and their plot are filmed.
- Request to allow a wood chip (for use on allotment plots) and spare wood (for plot holders to use for own personal use) delivery in the allotments in the place where the skip is usually delivered. Members **RESOLVED** to agree to the request, but the requesting plot holders should assess the demand from other plot holders first and Members will take the advice from the Groundsman as to where to install the delivery and stated that all unused chippings and wood needs to be cleared by 1st September 2020. Members also stated that any wood chippings should only be used within allotment plots and not in between plots.

104. MULTI-SPORTS FACILITY (MSF) CHARGES REVIEW

Members reviewed the MSF charges and **RESOLVED** to keep them as they are, reviewing them again next year.

105. ITEMS FOR NEXT R&OS AGENDA

Cllr. Harvey will send in a written proposal asking for additional bus shelters in Pulborough to be considered by the Committee. *Subsequent to the meeting, the Deputy Clerk realised that this proposal would be referred to the P&S Committee as was done previously.*

106. CORRESPONDENCE

Bench on Church Hill

Photograph of repaired and varnished bench on Church Hill. Copied to Committee. *Cllr. Harvey thanked the Deputy Clerk and Groundsman for arranging this repair and said the bench looked really good.*

Allotment Holder

Notification that plot holder 3 has now installed his shed on the plot as agreed by the R&OS Committee.

Cousins Way Recreation Ground & Football

- Notification that the Patriots are no longer playing football, so will not require the pitch on Cousins Way recreation ground anymore.
- Request from local U14's football club to play on Cousins Way recreation ground. The Parish Office has advised that the pitch is available for £11.00 per hour as per the terms given to the Patriots. Awaiting decision as to whether they wish to hire the pitch.

WSCC

Annual update on Public Rights of Way matters. Copied to Committee.

SDNPA

- Email correspondence with SDNPA thanking them for helping at Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground. The SDNPA volunteers have offered their help again next autumn/winter if needed.
- Newsletter – February 2020.

Publications

Wey & Arun February e-newsletter.

107. PAYMENTS RESOLVED:

There were no payments for signing.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm

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