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**MINUTES OF THE
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD VIRTUALLY USING MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 11th February 2021**

The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings (England and Wales) regulations 2020 (“the Regulations”) came into force on 4th April 2020. The Regulations enable local councils to hold remote meetings (including by video and telephone conferencing) for a specified period until May 2021.

PRESENT: Cllrs Hare (Chairman of the Meeting) Henly, Clark, Harvey, Hunt, Lawson & Riddle

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs L Underwood (Deputy Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.32pm

As Cllr. Henly was having technical issues at the beginning of the meeting, Cllr. Hare offered to chair the meeting, which was **AGREED** by all Members.

163. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

164. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CHANGES TO REGISTER OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

There were no changes to Register of Interests.

165. MINUTES

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th January 2021 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and the Chairman of the meeting agreed to sign them outside of the virtual meeting.

Clerk's ReportFrom the meeting held on 14.01.21**Min No. 152 – Clerk's Report – Min No 144 - Rivermead Nature Reserve (RNR) Management Action Plan Review**

Cllr. Riddle has carried out a lot of clearance work at Rivermead during the past few weeks, which has made the area look a lot better. The Groundsman has checked today and there isn't a lot of wood and branches to clear now, so the Groundsman has advised that he will probably just break up the remaining wood and branches, avoiding the need to burn it.

The Deputy Clerk would like to thank Cllr. Riddle for all the work he has carried out.

Additional Update - Access to Rivermead

Whilst Cllr. Riddle was working at Rivermead, there were issues with a neighbouring property placing bins at the entrance to the footpath, which, initially, prevented Cllr. Riddle being able to park his trailer there. The residents at the property wanted the trailer moved, despite being told it was there on Council business. Since this time, the residents have changed the orientation of their boundary fence blocking access for Parish Council maintenance vehicles. They have also laid MOT at the entrance of the footpath, covering a drain, and they are parking their vehicle there.

As this is a Saxon Weald property, Saxon Weald have been informed and they have contacted the resident to request they put the area back as it was and confirming that it is Parish Council land. The Parish Council have also written to the resident stating the same.

Min. No 155 – NHW/Resident Request

The Groundsman was able to move the bench on the main recreation ground and it was moved on 10th February 2021.

Min. No 157.1 - Benches

The PDCCA are still waiting for the bench design details, so this matter will not be discussed at this evening's meeting.

Min. No. 159.1 – Memorial Garden

An onsite meeting to discuss this matter had been arranged with HDC for 11.02.21, but HDC have had to cancel the meeting due to staff absence. The meeting will be rescheduled asap.

166. PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no public speakers.

167. RECREATION CLUB REPORTS

A report from SCYP has been received and has been circulated under 'Correspondence'.

The Deputy Clerk read out the following reports from the Bowling Club and the Cricket Club:

Bowling Club – no points to raise, but passing on best wishes to the Committee and thanks for taking the time to contact the Bowling Club.

Cricket Club – Further vandalism to the rope surrounding the cricket square, so this has been replaced with plastic hazard tape, but this has also been vandalised several times. The Neighbourhood Wardens are aware.

Also, the fencing surrounding the practice nets was repaired recently, funded through an emergency ECB grant.

Members discussed the various recreation clubs and would like to invite all the sports clubs including the S&SC to the next virtual meeting to ask them to advise of their plans for coming out of lockdown and to update them on the Sports Pavilion project.

168. TREE CONDITION AND MANAGEMENT SURVEY FOR THE ALLOTMENTS

Members received the tree condition and management survey for the allotments. The Deputy Clerk advised the following:

- Tree No 1 is not within the allotments, but a neighbouring residents garden.
- Tree No 2 & 3 - Fred can do.
- Tree No 5, 6 & 17 are allotment holder's trees within their rented plots, could advise plot holders? Members **RESOLVED** that these plot holders should be advised of the recommendations.
- Tree No 8 & 9 - Fred can do.
- Tree No. 10 & 12- Fred can do.

After some discussion, Members **AGREED** that a quotation should be obtained for tree no 11. Members also discussed tree no. 13 with a priority 3 recommendation to fell to ground level because of it's poor location. One Member thought that a sycamore tree within close proximity to the plots was not a good location and would like to go and have a look at it and suggested other Members did aswell. The Deputy Clerk advised that she could obtain a quotation to include tree no. 13 aswell. Members **AGREED** to this suggestion.

The Deputy Clerk will also send a copy of the tree report to the volunteer Tree Warden for his information and perhaps he may have a comment regarding tree. No. 13.

169. CORRESPONDENCE**Club Reports**

- SCYP – Termly report. Copied to Committee.

'Wild Pulborough'

Email correspondence regarding 'Wild Pulborough'. Copied to Committee. *Cllr. Hunt gave an update on this matter and advised that the Facebook page is up and running and they have a contact at Brinsbury College who can offer expert advice. They have also been in touch with 'Wild Horsham' and a map is being prepared of*

Pulborough's green and open spaces and will be ready the first week in March. Then the 'wildlife corridors' will be looked at to connect to the wider Horsham & Sussex wildlife network. They will be looking for people to fill in habitat areas and monitor for wildlife.

Rivermead

Emails from Cllr. Riddle advising of all the clearance work he has carried out in Rivermead recently – thanks has been sent from the Deputy Clerk as his work is really appreciated and has improved the area from when the tree work debris was left.

Resident

Email correspondence regarding the bench request on Rectory Lane & and East Glebe Field. Copied to Committee.

Publications

- SDNPA January newsletter.
- Wey & Arun January e-newsletter.

170. PAYMENTS RESOLVED

Members approved the following payments and will be signed by two authorised signatories outside of the virtual meeting.

Lakers Builders Merchant	17.22
Saunders Specialised Services	132.00
Viking	191.89
National Westminster Bank	27.20

The meeting closed at 8.12pm

.....CHAIRMAN

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