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**MINUTES OF THE
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT PULBOROUGH SPORTS PAVILION
ON THURSDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2024**

PRESENT: Cllrs Lee (Chair), Marcuson (Vice Chair), Curd, Ellis-Brown, Esdaile, Hunt & Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Beverly Nobbs (Deputy Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7. 30pm.

45. APOLOGIES FOR THE ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and reasons approved for Cllr Campbell (Personal Commitment) Cllr Clarke (Unwell) & Cllr Court (Unwell)

46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CHANGES TO REGISTER OF INTERESTS

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

47. MINUTES

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th October 2024 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and the Chair signed them.

48. PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no public speakers present and therefore the Chair moved on to the next agenda item.

49. SMART GATE FOR MUGA

Members received an update from the Deputy Clerk on the progress of our new smart entry access gate system. The Deputy Clerk reported that additional quotes were attempted however, there is very limited availability of suppliers and with an agreement from members, a meeting has been arranged with the supplier,

Chanctonbury Leisure & the Parish Council to discuss how the booking system will work.

Members **NOTED** the update from the Deputy Clerk.

50. REQUEST FOR A MEMORIAL BENCH TO BE INSTALLED IN NUTBOURNE COMMON.

Members considered a request from a Parishoner to erect a bench in Nutbourne Common in memory of her late husband.

Members **RESOLVED** to allow the erection of the bench in Nutbourne Common.

51. NUTBOURNE COMMON BRAMBLES

Cllr Marcusson reported that she has met with the SDNPA who are helping with the management of the area. They are coming again to cut a small percentage of the heather to keep it healthy and encourage a more diverse age range within it so more wildlife species will benefit from it. The SDNPA will also bring volunteers around the same time to pull up any brambles that are encroaching on the heather, they agreed that the heather is sufficiently protected by pulling up the brambles a few times a year and that the Common overall is looking good.

Members discussed arranging a day for volunteers to pull the brambles on 1st December 2024

Members **NOTED** the report given by Cllr Marcusson and **RESOLVED** for the Deputy Clerk to advertise for volunteers on social media.

52. CONTRIBUTION TO THE COST OF THE CRICKET SQUARE

Members considered the invoice received for 10% incursion fee.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve and pay the invoice.

53. ALLOTMENT SKIPS

Members received a report from the Deputy Clerk that two skips are currently on the allotment site and will be removed on 20th November 2024.

Members **NOTED** the notice given by the Deputy Clerk.

54. EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEM – REPLACEMENT TREES AFTER THE FELLING OF AN OAK ON THE RECREATION GROUND

Member considered six options for replacement trees after the dying oak is felled near Collingwood on the recreation ground.

Members **RESOLVED** to choose the hornbeam as it is native to Sussex and the ginko to replace the oak tree on the Recreation Ground.

The Deputy Clerk will pass this onto our tree surgeon so that planning consent can be applied for.

55. PAYMENTS

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

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Maximus Tree Care	£780.00
Fire Risk UK	£84.00
Kent County Council	£175.75
Travis Perkins	£35.69
Sports Courts	£43,665.30
Mulberry	£303.24
Pulborough Cricket Club	£290.85
Harry Quenault Expenses	£74.93
Beverly Nobbs Expenses	£50.00
TOPE Electrical	£1035.00

Meeting Closed at 7.57pm

.....**CHAIRMAN**

.....**DATE**