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**MINUTES OF THE
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE ROTHER HALL AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2022**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: N Wiltshire (Deputy Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.32pm

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and reasons approved from Cllrs. Esdaile (personal reason) and Lawson (personal commitment).

48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CHANGES TO REGISTER OF INTERESTS

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

49. MINUTES

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th October 2022 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and the Chairman signed them.

Clerk's Report

Min. 96, 16.03.22 Queen's Green Canopy

The Wild Cherry tree was delivered today.

Min. 40, 13.10.22 Shelter in Children's Play Area

The resident who had suggested this had been written to in accordance with Members' wishes.

Min. 41, 13.10.22 Boiler and Water Heater Service

Saunders Specialised Services Ltd have serviced the boiler and water heaters and replaced the radiator valve on the radiator in the corridor. While servicing the boiler and water heaters it became apparent that the four shower mixers may require testing and inspecting. This is being investigated.

Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)

Following a visit by Floodlighting Services Limited (the company used previously), the problem with the floodlighting had been resolved.

50. PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no public present.

51. RECREATION CLUB REPORTS

The Deputy Clerk reported the following for information:

S&SC

Minutes of Committee meeting held on 27.09.22 had been circulated to Members. Included in the Steward's Report was a note that the defibrillator storage case outside was empty and not logged onto the system but that the S&SC was raising money to purchase a new one. Also, it was reported that a member slipped on the floor in the men's toilet, resulting in a fractured wrist. A request was made to refurbish the floor. Concern was voiced by Members and the Deputy Clerk in consultation with the Clerk will review this and report back to the next meeting.

Sussex Clubs for Young People (SCYP)

The SCYP termly reports 12th September – 28th October 2022 had been circulated to Members and any questions resulting should be addressed to the Team Manager, Sheri Birch.

Cricket Club

A precis of a written report received from Peter Taylor reads, as follows:

1. The social media campaign is working well with 751 followers on Twitter and 99 on Instagram.
2. There are 12 confirmed fixtures in the diary for next year - all at home in the hope that the village will turn out in support.
3. The nets are in desperate need of repair. An ECB approved contractor has quoted £37,000 for repair/replacement. Consequently, the Club is actively exploring the possibility of obtaining a grant for some £30,000 with the Club fund-raising for the rest. A decision on the rent status for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 as raised in an email to the Parish Council's Finance & Policy Committee would help determine whether this is a) feasible and b) a wise investment.
4. There is a "Players Wanted" banner at Pulborough Train Station. Govia Thameslink was more than happy to help, and the Club is hugely grateful to them for that.
5. The Social Club has pledged £1,000 to support the Club, which is in the process of arranging its first Committee meeting to decide those courses to progress (i.e., umpires/coaches/groundwork).
6. The mowers have been returned from Watersfield and a meeting of the Groundwork Working Party is expected to be held next weekend.

Bowls Club

The Club advised that there was little to report and the items that had been raised have been responded to.

52. SIX MONTHLY PLAYGROUND INSPECTION AND WORKS TO EQUIPMENT

Members considered the Playground Inspection Report from September 2022 and recommended action included therein. It was noted that all findings were marked Low Risk apart from one Moderate Risk relating to issues with the Wicksteed Cable Runway.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that Moderate Risk item (the Wicksteed Cable Runway) be repaired, as indicated in the Report and that the Groundsman be asked to undertake remedial action, where he is able, on the various items identified in the Report as Low Risk, as in previous years.

53. TREES

Members were asked to determine whether a Tree Policy should be put in place given the increase in tree-related issues discussed. An example would be to have a Management Plan for trees on Parish Council land such that in view of financial restrictions and the number of trees on Parish Council land the policy would be to only undertake work required for health and safety reasons. After much discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to defer this matter until the next meeting so that Members would have the opportunity of investigating Tree Policies of other parish councils and consider wider implications, such as a Climate Change Plan.

54. CORRESPONDENCE

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

SDNPA

South Downs News October 2022.

CPRE

Email 04.10.22 to all Sussex MPs – Chair, CPRE Sussex. (Copied to Committee)
 Email 10.10.22 National Hedgerow Week is here – Digital Engagement Officer.
 (Copied to Committee)

Kompan

Email dated 21.09.22 with link to view Inspection PDF reports and defects summary report. (Copied to Committee)

55. PAYMENTS

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

CPRE	£36.00
KCS (Kent County Council)	£173.75
Mr N S Wiltshire	£41.20

The meeting closed at 8.21pm

.....CHAIRMAN

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