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**MINUTES OF THE
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT PULBOROUGH SPORTS PAVILION
ON THURSDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2024**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Harry Quenault (Clerk & RFO) & Mrs Beverly Nobbs (Deputy Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm

82. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and reasons approved for Cllr Campbell, (Personal Commitment) and Cllr Hands (Personal Commitment)

83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CHANGES TO REGISTER OF INTERESTS

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

84. MINUTES

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th January 2024 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and the Chair signed them.

85. PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Chair welcomed Kirsty on behalf of Little Monkey's playgroup. The meeting was **adjourned at 19:39 and reconvened at 19:53.**

86. RECREATION CLUB REPORTS

The Deputy Clerk informed the committee that no reports had been received.

87. NUTBOURNE COMMON RECREATION GROUND.

Members **RECEIVED** an update from Cllr Marcuson after attending the Nutbourne Residents Association Annual General Meeting. Cllr Marcuson advised she had discussed the name change at the meeting regarding the name change from Nutbourne Common Recreation Field to Nutbourne Common Nature Reserve.

Nutbourne Residents Association agreed that the name could be changed. The Clerk advised that there may be a legal reason the common is called what it is called and any kind of name or deed change would have to go through the correct channels which will need to be investigated, the Clerk will undertake this and report back. Richard Black from Horsham District Council re-wilding team will be visiting the site in the next few weeks to advise on how to proceed with the management of the common. Residents want a no parking sign to be sited along the track, Cllr Clarke pointed out it may be a bridleway which is a public right of way that could be privately owned.

Members **RESOLVED** to look into who owns the bridleway the Deputy Clerk will investigate and report back at the next meeting.

88. LITTLE MONKEY'S GRANT REQUEST

Members **CONSIDERED** a request for a Grant to be provided to Little Monkey's Play Group.

Members advised we need to understand how much is needed before providing a grant. The club needs Public Liability insurance which may be able to be sought under the PDCCA's umbrella which will enable a club that isn't a charity to gain Public Liability insurance.

Members **RESOLVED** that subject to meeting required conditions and subject to being able to ring-fence the cost in the budget to make Little Monkey's a council venture. The Clerk will take this on board and report back to this Committee.

89. ALLOTMENT POLICY

Members considered a new Allotment Policy Governing the Allotments under the possession of Pulborough Parish Council. It was discussed at length regarding concerns about the use of chemical fertilisers and its effects on other plots and overall safety in the allotments.

Members **RESOLVED** to accept the policy with agreed amendments to remove fertilisers and replace them with natural options.

The policy will be reviewed annually to be put at the end. Review date Feb 2025

90. COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT PROPOSAL

Members considered a new proposal for the use of vacant allotment (13b) as a trial community allotment under the possession of Pulborough Parish Council.

The Clerk explained that this is a trial only and gives the opportunity which allow Parishioners to help with an allotment plot without the stress of having to take care of a whole plot. It's a big chance to allow all clubs in the village to get involved. There were some concerns regarding the individuals who are currently on the waiting list, The Clerk indicated that the current applicants on the waiting list could get involved whilst they are awaiting a vacant plot.

Members **RESOLVED** to take this on as a trial, the Deputy Clerk will help to organise and report back on the progression at the next meeting.

91. REQUEST FOR BUILDING A WOODEN GREENHOUSE ON ALLOTMENT

Members to consider a request from Fritha Mason to site a wooden framed greenhouse with plastic sheeting on her plot (no27) The dimensions are 4.8m by 3.3m with a height of 2.3m.

Members **RESOLVED** to accept the decision will from now on fall under the newly approved allotment policy, due to this the matter was not deliberated upon during this meeting.

92. REQUEST FOR SHED AND POLYTUNNEL.

Members to consider a request from Nichola Rodgers for a shed and small polytunnel the shed measurements are 6x4'.

Members **RESOLVED** to accept the decision will from now on fall under the newly accepted allotment policy, due to this the matter was not deliberated upon during this meeting.

93. RECTORY CLOSE PLAYGROUND

Members considered a request from a resident for 'No Dogs Allowed' signs to be sited on the south side of the playground and outside the gym area, this was discussed at length, and it was pointed out that the Parish Council has already sited five 'No Dog Fouling' signs on the northern side of the playground.

Members **RESOLVED** to not place any additional signage as it would be unfair on dog walkers, the signage is not enforceable, and it could be breaking a by-law.

94. SKATE EVENT – FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

Members **RATIFIED** the skate event planned for Monday 12th February 2024 in the Village Hall. It was suggested by the clerk that we look at within the next five years to look at getting a skate park in Pulborough. Cllr Lee suggested that we work with Horsham District Council to use Carpenters Meadow for the skate park. If this event is successful Pulborough Parish Council will look at running it quarterly for the Children of the Parish.

95. YOUTH SPORTS PROVISION

Members are to receive an update from Cllr Hunt and Cllr Lee on the progression of youth sports in Pulborough.

The Chair deferred this item and will report back on the progress at the next meeting.

96. PAYMENTS

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

Pulborough Social Centre	£101.70
Maximus Tree Care	£180.00
Sports Courts	£144.00
Business Stream	£964.98

Meeting Closed at 8. 35pm

.....**CHAIRMAN**

.....**DATE**