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

PRESENT: Cllrs Henly (Chairman), Clarke, Court, Hare, Hunt (arrived at min no. 77), Lawson and Riddle (arrived at min. no 78).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs L Underwood (Deputy Clerk), Treasurer of the Sports & Social Club (S&SC) and the Area Team Manager from Sussex Clubs for Young People (SCYP)

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

75. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

76. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CHANGES TO REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Cllr. Hare & Hunt declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 – PCP – Queens Platinum Jubilee Picnic in Pulborough as they are both members of the PCP.

There were no changes to Register of Interests.

77. MINUTES

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

There was no Clerk's Report.

78. PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Chairman welcomed the Treasurer of the S&SC and invited him to speak about agenda item no. 6 – S&SC.

Meeting adjourned: 7.31pm

Meeting Reconvened: 7.41pm

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for addressing the Committee.

As the S&SC Treasurer had to leave early, Members **AGREED** to bring agenda item 6 – S&SC forward.

79. SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Members noted the issues in the S&SC area of the Pavilion, mentioned in the public speaking session, and **AGREED** that a site meeting would be beneficial. Cllrs. Clarke, Hare, Henly & Hunt advised that they will attend the site meeting. The Deputy Clerk will arrange a mutually convenient time for the meeting and advise the S&SC Treasurer accordingly. Members **AGREED** that a list of issues should be compiled, for which quotations to carry out any necessary works, will be obtained and brought back to the Committee for decision.

80. RECREATION CLUB REPORTS

SCYP's Area Manager advised that there has been a very low turnout to the Youth Club since using the Village Hall – when the Purple Bus was in use, they were engaging with around 40-60 children. Results of a survey has shown that it is too far to walk for some users. The Parish Council approved use of the Pavilion committee room, but it is a bit small, the Area Manager advised that only half of the room was available as bags had been placed in between the adjoining rooms. The Deputy Clerk advised that when approval was given, it was expected that they would use the whole of the room.

After some discussion, it was **AGREED** that SCYP will continue to use the Village Hall until Easter and if there is no improvement in the attendance, they will go back to using the committee room.

SCYP will be using the Purple Bus near the main recreation ground over the February half term.

The Area Manager also mentioned that she still needs somewhere to park the Purple Bus, rather than outside her house and it would be useful to be able to park the Purple Bus in the Pavilion car park on a permanent basis, but had previously been told no by the Parish Council. Members did not recall this request and asked the Deputy Clerk to find out if it came to the Committee for a decision and report back.

The Deputy Clerk had also received reports as follows:

Bowling Club – Waiting the outcome of the discussion re their lease renewal. They are planning centenary celebrations, which they will advise the Parish Council of when finalised.

Cricket Club – They wish to apply for external funding to enable them to renovate their practice nets. With approval from Cllr. Hare & Henly, the Clerk has written giving permission to undertake the work and confirming the Parish Council's support for their application for external funding.

81. PAVILION CAR PARK

Members received a request to repaint the parking lines in the Pavilion car park as they are very faded. After some discussion, Members **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** that the Groundsman repaint the lines. The Deputy Clerk can obtain the correct paint for the lines and the disabled markings for £54.99 (coverage is 10m² per litre) & £45.99 respectively. The Deputy Clerk will need to check with the Groundsman if one tin of white paint is sufficient for the whole car park. Members **AGREED** to purchase the correct amount of paint at the prices stated.

82. RIVERMEAD NATURE RESERVE (RNR)

82.1 Members received Cllr. Riddle's email regarding possible sewerage from Southern Water piping in Rivermead. Cllr. Riddle advised that he had just met with Southern Water who had tested the water and advised it was not sewerage. Cllr. Riddle doubts this advice. After some discussion, Members suggested that the Parish Council could arrange for the water to be tested, which is best done after heavy rainfall. Members **AGREED** the following:

- After looking up companies who test water, it seems most require water samples to be sent to them. Members would like the Deputy Clerk to obtain 2 x 100ml sterile sample bottles from the Pharmacy or Doctors surgery to enable the water to be tested.
- Cllr. Hunt will also ask her Ecologist contact if they know who might be able to carry out the testing.
- Notices advising public to keep to the footpath do not need to be displayed at present.

With regard to writing to the resident in Little Dippers about their fencing, the Deputy Clerk is still waiting for confirmation of the house number. Cllr. Hunt & Riddle will have a look and confirm to the Deputy Clerk.

82.2 Members noted the timeline photographs and the Deputy Clerk confirmed that the management plan would be reviewed and further actions decided, by the Committee, towards the end of 2022, when the five years will be coming to an end.

83. PULBOROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (PCP) – QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE PICNIC IN PULBOROUGH

Members received a request from the PCP to use the main recreation ground for a Jubilee picnic, to be organised by the PCP. The Deputy Clerk had already contacted all clubs that use the recreation ground to ask if the proposed dates clashed with any of their activities/events – their responses have been forward to the PCP for their information. The Groundsman had said care would need to be taken if the ground had been rained on beforehand and requested no vehicles. Members **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the use of the main recreation ground for the picnic taking into consideration the responses from the clubs and the Groundsman. Members also **AGREED** that the Parish Council's gazebo could be used by the PCP. The Deputy Clerk will advise the PCP of the approval, along with a request to see their risk assessment of the event and to be kept updated with the details.

84. MOSS REMOVAL/JETWASHING OF MULTI SPORTS FACILITY (MSF)

Members received three quotations quoting for the above. The surface does need doing again as it is becoming quite slippery and was previously done in January 2020. Members **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the quotation from Phoenix Property Maintenance, totalling £560.00 + vat.

85. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Sussex Clubs for Young People (SCYP)

- Termly report. Copied to Committee.
- Email correspondence regarding attendance of the Youth Club at the Village Hall. Copied to Committee.
- Email introduction to Naomi Carr-Austin, who is the Lead Worker for the Pulborough sessions.

Sports & Social Club

Minutes of meeting held on 23.11.21. Copied to Committee.

St. Mary's School

Extract of the school's newsletter with an article about the Forest School's area in Pocket Park. Copied to Committee.

SDNPA

- Email following their help in Nutbourne Recreation Ground. Copied to Committee.
- Email regarding 'The Glover Landscape Review: Government Response and Consultation' – *Would the Committee like this as an agenda item for the next R&OS meeting?* Copied to Committee. **Members confirmed that they would like this item on the next R&OS agenda – the Deputy Clerk will forward the email to all Cllrs asap and with the agenda.**

Residents

Further correspondence re the FOI request regarding Glyphosate-based herbicides used by PPC. Copied to Committee.

Publications

- South Downs newsletters – Jan 22.
- Wey & Arun News- Jan 22

86. PAYMENTS RESOLVED

There are no payments for signing.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

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