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**MINUTES OF THE
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE ROTHER HALL AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER 2021**

PRESENT: Cllrs Henly (Chairman), Clarke, Court, Hare, Hunt, Lawson and Riddle.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs L Underwood (Deputy Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Santo.

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CHANGES TO REGISTER OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

There were no changes to Register of Interests.

52. MINUTES

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th October 2021 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and the Chairman signed them.

Clerk's Report

From the meeting held on 14.10.21

MIN NO 38 – CLERK'S REPORT – FENCE AT ALLOTMENTS

Unfortunately, the tree surgeon has not been able to carry out the tree/hedge works at the allotments as his staff members have Covid, he will be in touch as soon as possible.

The Clerk has written to the property owner concerning the damaged fence, but no response has been received.

MIN NO 38 – CLERK'S REPORT – TREE CONDITION AT MAIN RECREATION GROUND

As the tree surgeon hasn't been able to carry out the allotment works, as mentioned, he has not been able to advise on the trees raised as a concern on the main recreation ground.

MIN NO 43 – OFFER OF TREES ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

The same tree surgeon mentioned above, had offered to give advice on locations for free trees, but has not done so yet, the Deputy Clerk will ask him again.

MIN NO 46 – TREE-TAGGING

Arb Tec Tree Care have advised due to the amount of work they are currently carrying out, the tree tagging can only be carried out at the end of January/beginning of February – this will be in time for the forthcoming tree inspection survey. With regard to identifying the TPO's on the maps, Arb Tec advised that there is no need to do this; tree surgeons will check if a tree has a TPO on it before they do work on it and trees can easily be checked for a TPO on the HDC website.

Additional Updates

JACOBSEN MOWER AND SERVICING

Arun Mowers are no longer carrying out commercial/agricultural servicing. They have passed on details of one possible engineer who could do this in the future, but the mower has issues with one of the cylinders, which the Groundsman has temporary rectified, but it has been suggested that a replacement rotary mower is purchased as the Jacobsen mower is going to get more difficult to repair. Officers will obtain quotations for rotary mowers and bring back to the relevant committee.

53. PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no public present.

54. RECREATION CLUB REPORTS

The Deputy Clerk advised that the clubs had nothing to report.

Cllr. Hunt updated the Committee, advising that the Pulborough Community Partnership have completed their 1st application to get £2500.00 for SCYP to start having their youth sessions at the village hall.

55. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

Members received an update from Kompan Ltd of the issues raised in the September 2021 report on the woodlands galleon and the rainbow modular unit. Members and Officers were satisfied that all the issues have been rectified.

Members looked through the rest of the report and **AGREED** that no quotations for work needed to be obtained. Members asked if the Groundsman could sort the weeds around the cradle seat swing; the Deputy Clerk will ask him.

Members also received a quotation for two steel single gates, to replace the two timber single gates, which have signs of rot and the spring closers were reported to be closing too fast. Kompan Ltd have since reduced the closer speed as much as they can be. After some discussion, Members **RESOLVED** that the gates should be repaired by a carpenter and plated. Cllr. Hunt has two contacts who could carry out the repairs, she will ask them both to send quotations to the Deputy Clerk, to bring back to a future meeting.

56. REQUEST FOR COMMEMORATIVE TREE

Members were asked to reconsider the request from friends of a deceased resident for a tree to be planted in his memory at one of several locations he had enjoyed sitting in, as the friends and relatives have agreed to pay for the tree and donations of £205.00 have been sent into the Parish Office. Members **RESOLVED** to purchase a 5-6ft Catalpa Indian Bean tree with some of the donation, with the remainder going towards it's maintenance. Members would like the Groundsman's advice regarding location, but for it to be planted near to where the previous destroyed Catalpa tree was. It is hoped that if a bigger one is purchased, there will be no damage to it.

57. BOILER AND WATER HEATER SERVICE

Members **RESOLVED TO RATIFY** the cost of £240.00 + vat from Saunders Specialised Services Ltd for the service of the boiler and water heaters at the Pavilion. There will also be an additional cost of £194.75 + vat for a replacement radiator valve.

58. REQUEST TO PLANT A TREE/S IN POCKET PARK

Members considered a request from St. Mary's School for children to plant a 'plant for COP26 or the Queen' free tree in the school's Forest School area in Pocket Park. After some discussion, Members **RESOLVED** not to approve the request to plant a tree/s. Members commented that small trees grow big and that area is too small to plant any trees, has poor light and is quite close to neighbouring properties. Members would still like to encourage the children to plant smaller plants in that area.

It was suggested that Cllr. Esdaile, who is involved in a tree surveying project for Wild Pulborough, will be able to suggest other locations for the school to plant the trees. The Deputy Clerk will put them in touch.

59. CORRESPONDENCE**WSALC**

Letter regarding the 'Queens Green Canopy' - intention to mark HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022 with a nationwide programme of tree planting. Copied to Committee.

Woodland Trust

A guide to your trees though the seasons. Copied to Committee.

Sports & Social Club

Year end accounts - ending 31.03.20 and profit & loss up to March 2021 & August 2021. Copied to Committee.

60. PAYMENTS RESOLVED

Members approved the following payments and were signed by two authorised signatories.

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| Mr F Bushby | 20.00 |
| Business Stream | 9.53 |
| CCLA | 150.00 |
| Daisy Communications | 37.06 |

The meeting closed at 8.22pm

.....CHAIRMAN

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