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**MINUTES OF THE
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE ROTHER HALL AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

PRESENT: Cllrs Henly (Chairman), Campbell, Clarke, Ellis-Brown and Riddle (from min. no. 23).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs H Knight (Clerk) and N Wiltshire (Deputy Clerk) and 1 member of the public (who left after min. no. 24).

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

A minute's silence was observed following the announcement of the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second.

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and reasons approved from Cllrs. Court (unwell), Hare (personal commitment), Hunt (personal commitment) and Lawson (unwell). (Apologies were subsequently received from Cllr Esdaile).

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CHANGES TO REGISTER OF INTERESTS

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

23. MINUTES

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th July 2022 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and the Chairman signed them.

Clerk's Report

Min.7, 26.05.22 Triennial Tree Survey

It was confirmed that the two Norway maple trees, tagged 26 and 27, located at the Recreation Ground, have been removed as they were dead. They were dismantled and felled on 3rd August by the arboricultural contractor.

Oak Tree, Nutbourne Common, Tag 169

This tree was reported as having a high-level broken branch. Advice was sought and obtained from the arboricultural contractor, which was to leave it alone.

24. PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Chairman welcomed a resident to speak regarding agenda item 6.

Meeting adjourned: 7.32pm

Meeting reconvened: 7.40pm

The Chairman thanked the resident for taking the time to address the Committee.

25. RECREATION CLUB REPORTS

The Deputy Clerk reported the following for information:

Sussex Clubs for Young People (SCYP)

The SCYP termly reports 9th June – 21st July 2022 and 28th July – 1st September 2022 had been circulated to Members and any questions resulting should be addressed to the Team Manager, Sheri Birch. It was reported that Sheri was unable to attend the meeting this evening but that she would like her thanks to be conveyed for allowing the Purple Bus to be parked in the Pavilion Car Park.

Cricket Club

Given that the Club has made it known that due to insufficient numbers they will not be continuing, the Clerk has registered a potential interest in equipment of which they may be disposing. Unfortunately, a recruitment drive did not yield any new members. It has been expressed that on some occasions County League teams cannot play at their home grounds and may, therefore, be interested in playing at Pulborough. With the Club winding-up, they would likely be disposing of equipment and as the Club is responsible for maintaining the pitch, this would include mowers. Members were minded that if the Club was going to dispose of equipment any of it may potentially be of interest to the Parish Council.

Bowls Club

The Club advised that there was nothing to report.

26. SHELTER IN CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Earlier a resident had detailed their plans for a proposed shelter for the south-east corner of the Children's Play Park at Rectory Close Recreation Ground This is to provide cover from sun and a meeting area for parents/children. They were prepared to fundraise to fund the cost of providing such a shelter. Discussion took place regarding the viability of such a structure and any anti-social behaviour (ASB), including noise that might result and its impact on residents living in the vicinity. It was mooted that using power from a lamp column in the Children's Play Park CCTV could be installed or possibly solar power, so it might be possible to mitigate against ASB activity. Members **RESOLVED** that the lighting/power supply is established before taking the proposal to Council to take forward with consultation of residents.

27. MULTI-USE GAMES AREA (MUGA)

It was noted that the bid for SDNPA CIL funding for a new facility had been unsuccessful. Members discussed how to proceed in the light of this. It was felt that feedback regarding how those successful bids succeeded would be needed to help any future bid made by the Parish Council. Members instructed the Deputy Clerk to obtain such details – **RESOLVED**.

28. UPDATE ON ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING POINTS

Following a progress report regarding West Sussex Council's Electric Vehicle Strategy sent to Members. It was noted that in the first phase of WSCC's roll-out, it is proposed that a new public on-street EV chargepoint will be installed in Pulborough at Rivermead.

29. PULBOROUGH YOUTH CLUB (SUSSEX CLUBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (SCYP))

Members considered a request from Sheri Birch, Western Area Team Manager, to be allowed to use the Committee Room at the Pavilion in addition to the Purple Bus. Also, she wanted to know if there would be an option of siting a small metal storage shed for storage of sports equipment, games, arts, and crafts. After some discussion, Members **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** that the Committee Room would be available for SCYP to use during the winter as well as the toilets. This was with the proviso that the toilets must be monitored and checked to ensure they are clean at the end of the evening. The possibility of the Cricket Club wooden shed was mooted as an alternative and Officers were asked to investigate this further.

30. RESIDENT REQUEST FOR TREE PRUNING (Referred from Min 8, 26.05.22)

The arboricultural contractor reported that if the resident wished to undertake any tree work, then in the first instance, as the tree has a TPO, they would need to submit a Planning Application. If approved, the next stage would be to gain permission of the owner of the tree to allow such work to be carried out on their tree. They felt that by cutting off branches simply because they are overhanging is insufficient reason to do and in fact may weaken the tree's structure long-term as new growth may not be as strong.

31. FIREWORKS

Members considered a request from St. Mary's PTA for the use of Cousins Way Field for their third fireworks event on the evening of Saturday, 12th November 2022. After some discussion, Members **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** that the Firework event can proceed on the same basis as the previous two events. This would be subject to receiving copies of the school's and Aurora's risk assessments and public liability cover.

32. CORRESPONDENCE

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

CPRE Sussex

Countryside Voices Summer 2022

Email 22.07.22 with CPRE Sussex Summer Newsletter. (*Copied to Committee*)

Email 31.08.22 Invitation to CPRE Sussex AGM on Saturday, 1st October 2022. (*Copied to Committee*)

SDNPA

South Downs News July 2022.

West Sussex Parish Workshop (*Forwarded to all Cllrs*)

Publications

Wey & Arun Canal Trust's e-newsletter August 2022 News.

33. PAYMENTS

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

HDC	£413.40
Kompan	£3,769.74
WSCC	£9,268.27
Pulborough Social Centre	£200.73
HDC Business Waste	£59.85
HDC Business Waste	£64.00
NatWest Bank	£2.10

The meeting closed at 8.41pm

.....CHAIRMAN

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