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**MINUTES OF THE
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE ROTHER HALL AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2022**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs H Knight (Clerk) and N Wiltshire (Deputy Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and reasons approved from Cllr Ellis-Brown (personal commitment), Cllr Esdaile (personal commitment) and Cllr Riddle (personal commitment).

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CHANGES TO REGISTER OF INTERESTS

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

36. MINUTES

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th September 2022 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and the Chairman signed them.

Clerk's Report

Min. 27, 08.09.22, MULTI-USE GAMES AREA (MUGA)

Relevant companies that were invited to provide quotations have been notified that the bid for SDNPA CIL funding for a new facility had been unsuccessful. The Committee had asked that feedback be obtained regarding how those bids that were successful succeeded to help any future bid made by the Parish Council. The funding round has been re-opened and the intention is for a new bid to be submitted. Correspondence has been sent and a response is awaited.

A problem has been identified with the floodlighting in that one of the floodlights is not functioning. This has become more of an issue as the nights have drawn in. The Company that has been used previously have been contacted and details of arrangements to solve this are awaited.

37. PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Chairman invited 5 residents who had given formal notice to speak regarding agenda item 6 **RIVERMEAD NATURE RESERVE (RNR)**. They were followed by another member of the public who spoke earlier about changes that had taken place regarding Pulborough Cricket Club and steps that had been taken so far to reinvigorate the Club as well as on-going measures that were going to be put in place.

Meeting adjourned: 7.32pm Meeting reconvened: 7.55pm

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

38. RECREATION CLUB REPORTS

The Deputy Clerk reported the following for information:

Snooker Club

The Club had advised that there was nothing to report.

Bowls Club

The Club advised that there was nothing to report.

Cricket Club

One of the members of the public spoke earlier about changes that had taken place and what was being done to reinvigorate the Club. The Parish Council has been notified that a new Club Committee has been formed. The out-going Committee has advised that while this is a new Committee of the Club, it is essentially the same Cricket Club but with a new Committee leading it. Actions are being taken to keep the Club going and to help with introducing new members.

Sports & Social Club

While there was no report, the S&SC has asked for the use of the Committee Room for Father Christmas to be sat in for an hour or so when holding their annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, 11th December 2022, as in previous years.

39. RIVERMEAD NATURE RESERVE (RNR)**i. Management Action Plan**

Members discussed how the RNR, with its insect-life and flora, should be managed in the future, drawing on the material distributed to them and alluding to the content of speeches given by 4 members of the public earlier. It was suggested that the conclusion to Cllr Hunt's report should be included in a new Management Plan. It was suggested that plant control was a small part of a plan and HDC wouldn't use herbicides in managing RNR. Given the small number of limited resources the Parish Council had at its disposal, returning the RNR to HDC, with its greater assets and resources would allow the Parish Council's resources to be concentrated on other activities, which may include increased work at The Recreation Ground. The Clerk's Report presented options, including to accept a yet to be received proposal from HDC to end the lease of the RNR and return its management to them. There was the option of simply giving notice of termination of the lease and returning management of the site to HDC. Members **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to refer to Council for approval that notice is given to terminate the lease and return management of the site to HDC, irrespective of the anticipated HDC proposal.

ii. Flooding Issues

Members **NOTED** the recent flooding in the vicinity, particularly the blocked drains on the highway in Rivermead and the resultant impact on the RNR.

40. SHELTER IN CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA (Referred from Min. 26, 08.09.22)

There was a resident's proposal for a new shelter to be located in the south-east corner of the Children's Play Park at The Recreation Ground, by Rectory Close to provide cover from sun and a meeting area for parents/children. It was reported that local residents were concerned that anti-social behaviour (ASB), such as drug-dealing might result and have an adverse impact on the area. Furthermore, although the resident was laudably prepared to fundraise to pay for the shelter, there would be on-going maintenance costs. Members felt that there might be a viable alternative that would act as a shelter from the sun, such as a semi-mature tree to be planted between November and January. Members **RESOLVED** that the resident should be contacted to see whether they would be interested in raising funds for a semi-mature tree instead of a shelter.

41. ANNUAL INSPECTION AND SERVICE OF BOILER AND WATER HEATERS - QUOTATIONS

Members received three quotations for the annual inspection and service of boiler and water heaters. After some discussion, Members **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** Saunders Specialised Services Ltd. carrying out the work. While on site, they would also be replacing a thermostatic radiator valve on the corridor radiator, which had previously been identified as needing replacement.

42. TREE WORKS

i. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that removing a partially fractured hanging branch of an oak tree tagged 160 and dismantling and felling a silver birch tagged 160 should be implemented. The trees are subject to tree preservation order TPO/0331 so Planning consent will be required to fell the silver birch before the work can be carried out. Furthermore, Members **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** that the quotation provided by Maximus Tree Care should be accepted.

ii. Arrangements regarding the delivery of the Wild Cherry tree from HDC, to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee were **NOTED** and delivery will be made to the Parish Council Office prior to planting at a time when an appropriate ceremony can be arranged.

Members **RESOLVED** to allow Cllr Davies to speak on the following item.

43. PULBOROUGH RECREATION GROUND INCURSION BY TRAVELLERS

Cllr Hare thanked Cllr Davies for work he had done and taking the initiative in producing a blueprint for discussion. He felt that a cost/benefit exercise would need to be undertaken and that when Council had agreed a plan it would need to be communicated to residents and sports clubs affected. Cllr Davies outlined his initial proposals that had been distributed to Members previously and highlighted details from his report. The Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise Cllr Davies together with the Deputy Clerk to initiate a business planning process to obtain detailed financial costings for a scheme quickly, due to upcoming budget considerations.

44. THE PAVILION**i. SNOOKER CLUB**

The Committee considered a request for two extra master keys in addition to the existing four to assist with accommodating team matches. It was **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** that the Snooker Club be allowed to have an additional two master keys and that it be invoiced for their cost.

ii. ROOFING REPAIRS

The Committee **RESOLVED** to **RATIFY** payment of £150.00 for recent urgent roofing repairs to the roof over the cellar.

45. CORRESPONDENCE

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

HDC

- Email Climate Action News – September 2022. (Copied to all Cllrs)
- Email Climate Action News – October 2022. (Copied to all Cllrs)
- Latest News: Horsham District remembers Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

WSCC

Email 26.09.22. Senior residents urged: get on board and “Bus It”!

Email 30.09.22. Smokers encouraged to join Stoptober.

S&SC

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 26th April 2022. (Copied to Committee)

SCYP

Termly Report 9th June – 21st July 2022. (Copied to all Cllrs)

Action in Rural Sussex (AirS)

e-newsletter September 2022.

CPRE

- Campaigns Update – September 2022.
- Email 29.09.22 Sussex urgently needs your help - Chair, CPRE Sussex

Publications

- Wey & Arun Canal Trust – quarterly magazine issue 200, September/October/November 2022
- Wey & Arun News - September 2022 e-news. (Copied to all Cllrs)
- Wey & Arun News - October 2022 e-news. (Copied to all Cllrs)
- The Rural Bulletin 13 September. (Copied to all Cllrs)
- The Rural Bulletin 21 September. (Copied to all Cllrs)
- The Rural Bulletin 4 October. (Copied to all Cllrs)
- Rail Technology Magazine August/September

Residents

- October 2022 Pulborough Update – Issue 82

46. PAYMENTS

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

WSCC	£244.80
Laser (Kent County Council)	£61.34
Travis Perkins	£15.77
Pulborough Social Centre (Village Hall)	£151.90
Mr M C Weston	£350.00
Kompan	£360.00
Daisy Communications	£28.20
NatWest Bank	£2.45

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

.....**CHAIRMAN**

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