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**MINUTES OF THE  
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE ROTHER HALL AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Henly (Chairman), Hare, Hunt, Lawson (left during min. no 104) and Riddle.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs L Underwood (Deputy Clerk) & 1 member of the public.

*The meeting opened at 7.30pm*

**99. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Clarke and Ellis-Brown and received after the meeting from Cllr. Court.

**100. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CHANGES TO REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

There were no declaration of interest.

There were no changes to Register of Interests.

**101. MINUTES**

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th March 2022 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and the Chairman signed them.

Clerks Report

From the meeting held on 16.03.22

**MIN No 92 – 92.1 – Sports & Social Club (S&SC)**

The Groundsman advised that he didn't require scaffolding to paint the wooden cladding, so the total cost to paint these areas would only be for the paint, totalling £57.45 + vat.

**102. PUBLIC SPEAKING**

The Chairman welcomed a resident and invited them to speak about agenda item no. 6 – Ground Treatment Works.

**Meeting adjourned: 7.33pm**

**Meeting reconvened: 7.43pm**

The Chairman thanked the resident for addressing the Committee and the resident left.

**103. RECREATION CLUB REPORTS**

The Deputy Clerk read out the following report from the Cricket Club:

*The season for the cricket club starts on the 30th. April with a home game versus Broadbridge Heath (weather permitting, of course).*

*The cricket pitch is being prepared during April and practice in the nets has commenced.*

*All the members are looking forward to the forthcoming season and hoping for good sunny weather during the summer. Almost all the Covid restrictions suffered in the last two seasons have been lifted which will allow us to play the game as intended.*

*One point we wish to raise is that where the football teams have been training on the outfield on the west side there are bare patches and stud marks which can cause difficulties for the fielding side. Can the Groundsman use a roller to even out these imperfections before the end of the month please. The Groundsman has confirmed that he can do this.*

**104. GROUND TREATMENT WORKS**

Members received a quotation for ground treatment works. Members **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the quotation of £645.00 + vat for weed and feed on the main recreation ground. No quotation for bracken control at NCRG and weed control on the cricket pitch was given as the chemicals previously used have been revoked.

Members received two options for the spot treatment on water hemlock at Rivermead Nature Reserve, one with Glyphosate and one labelled SBK, both totalling £120.00 + vat. Members discussed the need to control the water hemlock as some members advised that it shouldn't be allowed to grow out of control, whilst other Members advised that treatment in this way is environmentally damaging. Cllr. Riddle noted that no complaints have been received about the water hemlock and the Parish Council were acting proactively in this matter. After much discussion two proposals were put forward as follows:

1. Continue to treat the water hemlock as in previous years with the glyphosate spot treatment and review the treatment methods when the management plan is reviewed in Autumn 2022.
2. Do not treat the water hemlock and see if it grows out of control.

A recorded vote was requested and Members voted as follows on the two proposals:

Proposal 1: For – Cllrs. Hare, Henly & Lawson. Against – Cllrs. Riddle & Hunt.

Proposal 2: For – Cllrs. Riddle & Hunt. Against – Cllrs. Hare, Henly & Lawson.

As the majority voted for proposal 1, this motion was carried. **RESOLVED.** Cllr. Hunt was asked if she would put forward a paper of alternative ways to treat the water hemlock, ready for the management plan review in the Autumn.

**105. RIVERMEAD NATURE RESERVE (RNR)**

Cllr. Hunt advised that she has asked the RSPB and SDNPA to help with the water testing at RNR and is waiting to hear back from them. Members asked the Deputy Clerk to keep the sterile bottles in the Parish Office for the time being.

**106. FENCE AT ALLOTMENTS**

The Deputy Clerk advised that the resident called regarding the fence at the allotments and they advised that they did not know who the fence belonged to as it was there when they bought the property. The resident advised that they would be happy to have it taken down, with no replacement, as they have a wire fence and trees from their side of the boundary.

The Deputy Clerk suggested that the Groundsman be asked to take the fence down on the side it is damaged, but no replacement fence is installed. Members **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** to this suggestion.

**107. TOW BAR FITTED ON GROUNDSMAN OWN VEHICLE**

Members noted and **RESOLVED** to **RATIFY** the cost of £404.00 + vat for supplying and fitting a tow bar on the Groundsman's own vehicle.

**108. CRACKED WINDOW PANE AT PAVILION**

Members noted and **RESOLVED** to **RATIFY** the cost of £150.00 (no vat) for supplying and fitting a new double glazed pane to committee room window.

**109. QUEENS GREN CANOPY PLAQUE**

Members received details of the option of purchasing a plaque to commemorate the planting of trees for the Queen's Green Canopy project. After some discussion, Members **RESOLVED** not to purchase a plaque.

**110. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**SDNPA**

Notification that the sites submitted (Rivermead & NCRG) for the 'Call for Nature Sites' will not be taken forward as they are outside the SDNP.

**'Picnic on the Green'**

Correspondence regarding updates on the above. Copied to Committee.

**S&SC**

Minutes of Committee meeting on 25.01.22 and profit and loss comparison. Copied to Committee.

**RSPB**

Stakeholder Consultation – Forest Management carried out by RSPB. As correspondence only as per Cllr. Henly.

**SCYP**

Thanks from the Western Team Manager for letting them park the purple bus in the Pavilion car park when not in use.

**St. Mary's School**

Thanks for the Groundsman for making the benches and toadstool logs in the Forest School area of Pocket Park.

**Publications**

Wey & Arun News- Mar 22 & quarterly magazine.

**111. PAYMENTS RESOLVED**

Members approved the following payments and were signed by one authorised signatory, the other signatory will sign them outside the meeting in the Parish Office.

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| Mr F Bushby (already transferred)          | £20.00     |
| Mrs L Underwood                            | £3.51      |
| Kent County Council                        | £105.69    |
| WSCC                                       | £286.42    |
| Pulborough Social Cte                      | £1,553.20  |
| Farol Ltd - from Tractor/New Machinery EMR | £14,400.00 |
| National Westminster                       | £2.80      |
| Daisy Communications                       | £26.86     |

*The meeting closed at 8.29pm*

.....CHAIRMAN

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