



# BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK PARISH COUNCIL

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## RECREATION COMMITTEE

**THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES AND ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE  
NEXT MEETING ON 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2014**

**A MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE AT 7.30  
PM IN THE HASKELL CENTRE, MIDHURST ROAD, LIPHOOK ON  
MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014**

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:**

Cllr P Robinson - Chairman  
Cllr Easton  
Cllr J Kirby  
Cllr J Poole  
Cllr E Trotter  
Mr Rudgard  
Mr P Stanley – Executive Officer

Cllr T Maroney, Mr S Gavin, and six members of the public were also in attendance.

**55/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The arrangements for fire exits and mobile phones were explained.

**56/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr J Ives, Cllr P Jordan.

**57/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared.

**58/14 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014 were unanimously approved.

#### **59/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

#### **60/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

The meeting was adjourned.

##### Public Questions not on the Agenda

Mr Hall thanked the council for the line marking at the Recreation Ground and the parking problem for emergency vehicles was no longer a problem.

##### Public Questions on the Agenda

Mr Hall reported that there was graffiti on the new bench at the Recreation Ground. The Property & Grounds Manager was asked to investigate and take any necessary action.

The meeting was reconvened.

#### **61/14 APPOINTMENT OF A VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr P Jordan was unanimously elected as vice chairman of the Recreation Committee.

#### **62/14 HAVANT & EAST HANTS AND BOHUNT SCHOOL AND CENTRE SPORTING ACTIVITIES**

Richard Wood, the Sports Development Officer for EHDC was present for this item. Also in attendance was Ray Morton, Chairman of Governors Bohunt School and Nick Cansfield from the cricket club. It had not been possible for the football club to be represented.

Mr Rudgard ran through his report and a number of issues were discussed arising from this report.

Mr Morton updated the meeting on developments at Bohunt School including the provision of a new hall and upgrading of facilities. It was also reported that grant funding of £150k had now reduced to £10k and the school was unable to subsidise community use. However, despite the cut, the facilities were available from 7 am to 10.30 pm. Cllr Robinson expressed the councils wish to work more closely with the school on sporting requirements in the future and the school welcomed this. An annual open day was suggested and this will be considered by the school.

The possibility of table tennis returning to the school was discussed and also the possible use of the Millennium Centre. Storage of the tables was an issue and it was noted that the Millennium Centre Management Committee had considered and turned down the use of the hall for table tennis.

Liphook United Football club had outgrown its current site and was in need of a new location to make its pitch size and facilities FA compliant. A site had been offered at Bohunt Manor and this was currently being considered. A site had also been agreed for the cricket club.

Cllr Kirby ran through a number of possible sites in the area that could be used for sports provision, although some had issues of access, gradient and parking. Mr Wood stated that options would need to be narrowed down and costed including permission for site owners.

Thanks were expressed to everyone who had participated in the discussion.

#### **63/14 UPDATE ON THE TOILET PROPOSALS IN THE RECREATION GROUND**

Mr Wichall from the Liphook Tennis Club spoke about the proposed toilet update in the Recreation Ground. The design is largely unchanged except there is now no roof extension but there is a proposal to include a water heater.

It was agreed that the tennis club can proceed with the project and that they would take responsibility for the contract including estimates. The council had previously approved a fixed contribution towards the project that will be paid once the project commenced.

#### **64/14 DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTION FOR TENNIS COURT FLOOD LIGHTING**

Mr Wichall advised the committee that the Tennis Club had a number of projects that it wished to implement to replace or improve existing facilities. In addition to the toilet enhancement discussed in minute 63/14, the club were looking to replace the floodlights and resurface two hard courts. Earlier plans to extend the courts will not be pursued due to the costs being prohibitive. Funding bids are being explored including s106 Developer Contributions. The tennis club were keen to gain the Parish Council support in bidding for s106 funding and this was important as the buildings and grounds are owned by the council. It was agreed that the council will work with the tennis club on their s106 funding bid. A meeting will be held involving Cllr Robinson, Mr Wichall and the Executive Officer.

#### **65/14 FLETCHERS FIELD PATH**

The committee considered three estimates for the provision of a new path on Fletchers Field. It was felt that the route of the path and the estimates required further clarification. The Property & Grounds Manager was asked to seek clarification and provide updated estimates. These are to be considered at the next Council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> October rather than the next Recreation Committee meeting to minimise the delay in commencing the project.

#### **66/14 BUDGET 2015/16**

This item was deferred to a future meeting. This will allow some additional preparatory work.

#### **67/14 ALLOTMENT FEES 2016**

It was noted that at least a year's notice was required for any increase in charges. There was some discussion about the level of charges compared to other local councils. As the charges for 2016 will not need to be set until September 2015, it was agreed that the chairman will arrange a meeting with the allotment representative to commence the process.

#### **68/14 REPORTS**

##### **Skate Park Working Party**

Cllr Ives was not at the meeting to provide her report. Cllr Robinson requested that the Executive Officer through his staff begin to explore possible sources of funding for the project.

##### **Radford Park Working Party**

Cllr Jordan was not present to provide his report. A date will be set shortly for the next meeting of the working party, possibly within the next two weeks.

##### **Property & Grounds Manager Report**

Mr Gavin presented his report of works to be undertaken. Some of the works were in progress and others awaiting quotations. It was suggested that some of the work may be undertaken by the council's own staff if possible to ensure the best use of the available budgets.

**Parish Council Sports Representative**

Mr Rudgard's report was considered under item 62/14.

**69/14 PROVISION OF A BENCH**

The request from Mr Parker to provide a memorial bench in Radford Park by the top of the steps was approved subject to the usual conditions.

**70/14 SCOUT BIRD BOXES**

Mrs Lloyd made a request on behalf of 1<sup>st</sup> Liphook Scouts to install bird boxes in various suitable locations around the park. There were approximately 24 boxes designed for different types of birds. The proposal was approved by the committee.

**71/14 MEMORIAL PLAQUE**

The Council have been asked to consider the placement of a memorial to service men and women, British and Canadian, who spent time in the area during two World Wars. The memorial would be placed on the old London Road bridge. Following discussions, it was agreed that this proposal was supported by the Parish Council. Agreement would be required from the agency responsible for the old bridge.

**72/14 EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The Motion: "In accordance with the provisions of section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

Proposed Cllr Robinson, Seconded Cllr Poole, unanimously approved.