



# **BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES AND ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE  
NEXT MEETING**

**A MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE AT 7.30PM  
IN THE CANADA ROOM, LIPHOOK MILLENNIUM CENTRE, MIDHURST  
ROAD, LIPHOOK ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017.**

## **MINUTES**

### **PRESENT:**

Cllr J. Green (Chair)  
Cllr E. Trotter  
Cllr J. Kirby  
Cllr J. Ives  
Cllr J. Poole  
Mrs N Sosin (Administration Officer).

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr T. Rudgard – Sports Representative  
Mr P. Terry - Groundstaff  
1 member of press  
14 members of the public.

### **32/17 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The arrangements for fire exits and mobile phones were explained.

### **33/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

### **34/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **35/17 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Cllr Green proposed Cllr Eddie Trotter as Vice Chair of the Recreation Committee and this was seconded by Cllr Kirby

**Decision:** Cllr Trotter elected as Vice Chairman of the Recreation Committee

### **36/17 MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

### **37/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Cllr Kirby reported that the site visit mentioned in the minutes (26/17) did not go ahead but this issue could be considered at the upcoming Recreation Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

### **38/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

The meeting was adjourned.

#### Public Questions not on the Agenda

A member of the public asked if something could be done about the boundary hedge which ran along the side of the park adjacent to the properties on the London Road. Due to the anti-social behaviour at the Recreation Ground residents had endured youths urinating over the hedge, jumping over into the lane in front of oncoming cars (particularly on match days), shouting and swearing late at night and drinking and smoking illegal substances. Councillors suggested planting spikey bushes such as blackthorn as a deterrent but a resident replied that this had been tried years ago but the bushes didn't take due to it being shady. It was agreed that this issue would be investigated further at the Recreation Committee visit on 6<sup>th</sup> July and residents would attend to explain their concerns further.

#### Public Questions on the Agenda

None.

### **39/17 REPORTS**

#### Groundsman's Report

Peter Terry advised the committee that the matting had arrived for the car park extension. He also updated everyone on work undertaken at the The Recreation Ground, Radford Park and the LMC.

Litter is an ongoing problem and needs to be dealt with on a daily basis at the Recreation Ground, Skatepark and around the Millennium Centre.

#### Deputy Executive Officer

Appendix 2 'Inspection Report of Younger and Older Children's Play Equipment and Grounds' was read out to the committee. It was agreed that the issues mentioned needed prompt attention and a quote should be obtained for replacing the rope climbing frame as soon as possible. A copy of the full report from Zurich should be forwarded to members of the committee to consider further action.

### **40/17 ALLOTMENT MEETING**

A report of the allotment meeting (Appendix 3) was read by the committee. A request by ploholders for a new galvanised trough similar to the existing ones to be sited near to the entrance was considered.

**Decision:** A new galvanised trough to be purchased.

#### **41/17 ALLOTMENT TENANCY AGREEMENT**

The Allotment Tenancy Agreements for quarter and half plots were considered in light of recent requests to site polytunnels on plots. It was agreed that the agreements remain as they are.

**Decision:** No amendment to Allotment Tenancy Agreement Necessary. All agreed.

#### **42/17 RADFORD PARK BRIDGE**

A report has been received from Hampshire County Council. We would need to apply to undertake the work as it will be within the Conservation Area and the work would need to go out to tender. It is unlikely that any work will begin until next summer (2018).

It was confirmed that the old bridge had been demolished.

#### **43/17 BENCH AT RADFORD PARK**

The request for a replacement bench in Radford Park (Appendix 5) was considered and the request was approved.

**Decision:** Permission granted to site a new bench in Radford Park.

#### **44/17 CAMPING AT RADFORD PARK**

The issue of camping and fire lighting at Radford Park was considered. It was decided that no further action is currently necessary but the problem will be monitored by the Groundstaff.

**Decision:** No further action at present

#### **45/17 GATES AT WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND**

Residents reported antisocial behaviour in the park mainly in the evenings and late at night with cars wheel spinning around car park and youths drinking and partying in the park. It was agreed by all the committee that the gates to the Recreation Ground need to be locked at night. Residents at the meeting volunteered to undertake the locking up of the gates in the evening and opening on weekend mornings with Groundstaff unlocking them on weekdays. It was suggested that a combination lock be installed and a 'WhatsApp' group should be set up to coordinate a rota. The sports clubs would be given the combination.

**Decision:** A sturdy combination lock to be purchased by Groundstaff. The combination to be given to residents who have volunteered to lock up and to sports clubs. The gates would be opened at 7am on weekdays and 8am at weekends and closed at 10pm in the summer and 6pm in the winter.

Cllr Ives to speak to the PCSO regarding antisocial behaviour in the park in the early hours of the morning and ask for assistance.

#### **46/17 SKATEPARK**

A letter regarding the skatepark received from Mr Andrew Syminton (Appendix 6) was read by the committee.

Councillor Kirby then read out a report regarding Petersfield's new skatepark. The costs involved in this were quite high. Cllr Ives reported she had looked into options some years ago and quotes were in the region of £80,000.

It was agreed that part of the problem was location and that the current site was not really suitable. A member of the bowls club reported that they regularly have litter and missiles hurled over the fence into their property from youngsters using the stakepark. Cllr Ives offered to draft a letter to say that the council are happy for Mr Symington to form a group to look into this further and try to find a suitable site but that this is not a project the Parish Council were in a position to fund at present.

**47/17 REQUEST BY LITTLE CHERUBS TO USE OUTSIDE AREA FOR BOUNCY CASTLE**

The request by Little Cherubs Nursery to use the area outside their gate in the Little Rec to site a bouncy castle for a couple of hours on 21<sup>st</sup> July was agreed.

**Decision:** Permission granted. All agreed

**48/17 REQUEST BY LITTLE CHERUBS TO USE OUTSIDE SPACE FOR OPEN DAY**

The request to use the outside area (Appendix 9) was agreed subject to Little Cherubs having the necessary Public Liability Insurance and a license to sell alcohol.

**Decision:** Permission granted. All agreed

**49/17 BUDGET OUTTURN**

The final figures for the year were noted.

**Meeting closed – 9.23pm**

Chairman

Date