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RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

**A REMOTE MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE TOOK
PLACE AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2020.**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Cllr Trotter – Chair
Cllr Coyte
Cllr D. Curnow-Ford
Cllr Hall
Cllr Olson

Mrs Nicki Sosin – Senior Administration Officer
Mr Dan Cornish – Grounds Manager

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Cllr Kirby - Chair of Council
1 member of the public (part)

46/20 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chairman stated that the meeting was being recorded both audio and video for the purpose of the minutes.

47/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr V. Mitchell.

48/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

49/20 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd August 2020 were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Trotter Seconded Cllr D. Curnow-Ford All agreed.

50/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

51/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Meeting adjourned

Public questions - Items not on the agenda

None

Public questions – items on the agenda

None

52/20 REPORTS

GROUNDS MANAGER

The Grounds Manager read his report to the meeting. Cllr D. Curnow-Ford advised the meeting that she had been in conversation some allotment plot holders and there was a feeling that they ‘do not have the ear of the Council’. Councillors agreed that there should be more face to face meetings with plot holders. Councillors also felt that the role of the Allotment Representative should be reviewed as there was a concern that it was a ‘Council’ appointed position and not elected by the plot holders themselves to represent them. Cllr Coyte volunteered to join the WhatsApp group set up by the plot holders in order to better understand the issues that were regularly coming up for discussion. He will contact Gill Snedden about being added to the group.

RADFORD PARK STRATEGY

Cllr Coyte gave a verbal report on the work of the Strategy working group.

53/20 REQUEST FOR BENCH

Councillors were happy to proceed with the request and use the existing benches policy to apply to this request. A copy of the policy will be sent to the applicant by the Senior Admin Officer (NS). Cllr Coyte suggested that himself and the Grounds Manager met with the applicant regarding a site for the bench. The Grounds Manager suggested including a representative from the Football Club when deciding on a position due to the connection to the family.

Decision: Request approved. Cllr Coyte, Grounds Manager and a representative from the football club to meet with applicant to agree suitable site for bench.

NS to forward the benches policy to the applicant for info and to arrange on site meeting.

54/20 REQUEST TO HOLD DOG TRAINING CLASSES IN RADFORD PARK

Cllr Coyte explained that the training was being undertaken by a charity that trains therapy dogs for ex service personnel affected by conditions such as PTSD. He had spoken with a member of the charity on site together with Cllr Kirby and they were both happy that the area being used was cleared up appropriately and was actually left in a better state than when they arrived.

Cllr Kirby explained that even though Radford Park is a public space we need people to ask for permission to use it in this way to ensure they have adequate insurance to cover them.

Decision: Permission was given for the charity to use Radford Park in the future.

Proposed: Cllr Hall Seconded: Cllr Coyte All agreed

55/20 WILLOWS BUILDING REPLACEMENT

Cllr D. Curnow-Ford updated the committee on progress. A new set of plans and an indicative cost is required. Cllrs felt the project now needs to be moved along and would like the EO to obtain a new quote. Cllr D. Curnow-Ford suggested that a site meeting was arranged to confirm requirements and then Cllrs could speak with the EO regarding appointing a surveyor if necessary, to obtain a quote.

Cllr Kirby advise that as this work is a major project and a large sum of money it would need to be discussed at Full Council.

Cllr Coyte was concerned about the state of the tractor shed in the lead up to winter as the large doors urgently need work to stabilise them. The pointing also needs to be repaired. Cllr Kirby will speak with the EO regarding this. Cllr P. Curnow Ford will arrange a meeting of the working party.

56/20 EHDC OWNED PLAY AREAS

Cllr Coyte had taken the Grounds Manager around to show him the three play areas referred to in the letter from EHDC. The Grounds Manager advised the meeting that in his opinion the extra work involved in looking after these additional areas and inspecting them would be an extra 5 hours per week approximately.

Decision: EO to write back to EHDC and say that we do not feel we are in a position to take on the maintenance of these 3 sites.

Proposed: Cllr Coyte Seconded: Cllr Olson

57/20 BUDGET 2021/22

The committee considered the budget. It was agreed that the costs for maintaining the Recreation Ground would exceed the budget. Councillors were concerned that the budget had reduced to £1000 and felt this should be increased considering £1400 has been spent so far this year. There followed a discussion on how much the budget should be increased by. Cllr D. Curnow-Ford felt that the Committee should be following the advice of the Grounds Manager and the

full amount suggested by him should be in the budget. She would also like confirmation if this is an expenditure budget and if any income received from the Football Club is 'netted off' of this amount.

Cllrs suggested that the budget should be at least £2500 but that £4000 was a more realistic amount for the work required at the ground.

Cllr D. Curnow-Ford left the meeting at this point.

It was also noted that there was no amount allowed for planting and this would need to be included as the new apprentice was doing a horticulture apprenticeship and would require plants to restock the beds which he is responsible for. Cllr Olson will look into grant funding and see if there is anything available for this.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm