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**A MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE AT 8.00PM IN THE HASKELL CENTRE, MIDHURST ROAD, LIPHOOK ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2011**

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Cllr Ms J Poole (Chairman), Cllr Mrs B Easton, Cllr Mrs A C James, Cllr B Mouland, Cllr P Robinson (Parish Councillors). Mr A Groves (Clerk). Five members of the public were present.

### 29/11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Action

Preliminaries. Mobile Phones, Exits, Loop System, Toilets, Recording machine.

### 30/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Dr Judge, Mr H A Rudgard (Parish Council Sports Representative).

### 31/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

### 32/11 MINUTES OF MEETING/NOTES OF VISITS

#### Recreation Committee Meeting – 14 April 2011

**For Decision:** To agree the minutes of the meeting.

**Proposed:** The Chairman **Seconded:** Cllr Mrs James **Vote:** For: 4 Abstention: 1

**Resolution:** Agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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#### Recreation Committee Visit (26 May 2011) and Allotments Visit (29 June 2011)

Members noted the reports.

### 33/11 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/NOTES

#### Recreation Committee Meeting – 14 April 2011.

27/11 Tree Inspection Training. Awaiting availability of the Deputy Clerk.

#### Recreation Committee Visit – 26 May 2011.

The Chairman outlined the matters which had been discussed by groups of councillors during the visit to the various sites. The Chairman referred to a letter from the Tennis Club expressing their pleasure in the state of the courts this year, and the query over the Himalyan Balsam at Radford Park; the details would added to the work schedule.

### Allotment Visit – 29 June 2011

The Chairman reported that the allotments remained popular with a long waiting list. Quarter size plots were being trialled to ease the situation; there were no vacancies.

## 34/11 REPORTS

### General Report – The Clerk

#### Parish Work

The Clerk reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> grass cutting cycle had started, and with the current weather conditions, grass cutting was likely to continue until October. An amendment to the Grass Cutting contract with EHDC was an Exempt Session item. Assistance would be provided to Liphook in Bloom in October, to pick up the bags after their plant clearing weekend.

#### Recreational Areas

The Recreation Ground playing surfaces were in good condition as reported by the Football Club. This was equally applicable to the Tennis Courts following the receipt of their letter. The tunnel for the play park, the installation of the waste bins, and other remedial work was planned to be carried out by E J Services starting on 19 September. It was confirmed that new signs would be purchased, and the police were visiting the play park area more often.

#### Radford Park.

The regular grass cutting and maintenance work had continued throughout the period. The new path through Radford Park was popular, particularly those with wheelchairs and prams, and was holding up well.

### Parish Council Sport and Recreation Representative

Members were given the report received from Mr Rudgard on the morning of the meeting. There was discussion about the need to increase the length of the football pitch by 8 metres, to meet the league regulations for next year, and the car parking problems at football matches, because of the restricted access to the bank area due to the new play park. The Clerk informed members of a project to extend the car park towards the Willows Nursery, and suggested a site visit to look at the parking problems.

**For Decision:** To conduct a site visit on a Saturday, to investigate the scale of the car parking problem, and report back to the next meeting.

**Proposed:** The Chairman **Seconded:** Cllr Mrs James **Vote:** For: 5

**Resolution:** Agreed.

All

## 35/11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Public Questions. The meeting was adjourned.

New Skate Park (Mr Young). Would the Recreation Committee consider supporting the community Skate Park Project on the Little Recreation Ground now being started by the teens of Liphook.

Response: Recreation Committee would be able to support the initiative, but priority Parish Council projects should not be affected. There was £560.65 held by the Parish Council for the current Skate Park.

Football (Mr Feast). Football pitch size is a statutory requirement from the League and the car parking is a problem. Could the un-made up road running behind the play park area be used, and was there an update on Bohunt Manor or any alternatives?

Response: No, a private road. Planning permission for the change of use land at Bohunt Manor had been agreed, and the permission was secure because the work had started. Funding had been earmarked for the pitches and allotments. There was no plan at the moment, as it was too early in the process. A meeting had been advised between Parish Councillors and GL Hearn, the agents. The meeting was on hold, awaiting an answer from councillors as to whether it would go ahead. There was no update.

Floodlighting – Pitches on Bohunt Manor Land (Mr Trotter) No floodlighting provided for the pitches because of the potential light pollution with the lights from Bohunt School. Has that been taken into account in the design.

Response: Outline permission only and indicative plans so far. The Bohunt School floodlighting was expected to be replaced with new floodlights to overcome the light pollution problems, and the same sort of lights could be provided on the Bohunt Manor land. Would all be considered in due course.

Football Pitch (Mr Powers). Can we use the bank on the Recreation Ground for parking.

Response: There will be a site visit to find the answer.

The meeting was re-convened.

**Members/Public Participation (Code of Conduct, Paragraph 12 (2)).** None.

**Public Participation – Items on the Agenda.** At the Chairman's discretion. Mr Young asked what the size of the Basketball area would be. It was intended to have a tarmac "D" area, and that would be discussed during the next item.

### 36/11 **LITTLE RECREATION GROUND**

The Chairman said the area was intended more for general practice and practice moves rather than playing basketball.

Discussion: The dimensions required and how to proceed.

**For Decision:** Cllr Ms Poole and Cllr Robinson would carry out a site visit in conjunction with the Clerk.

**Proposed:** The Chairman **Seconded:** Cllr Mouland **Vote:** For: 5

**Resolution:** Agreed.

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**Clerk**

### 37/11 **MAPLE TREE – RECREATION GROUND**

The Clerk outlined the background to problem caused by the maple tree adjacent to 24 London Road. This had been raised at the February meeting and it had subsequently been decided that it should be pruned. Due to root problems with underground pipes work, it now needed to be felled at a cost of £200.

Discussion: Selling the logs, planting a replacement, and any further exposure.

**For Decision:** To agree to the felling of the Maple Tree on the Recreation Ground at a cost of £200.

**Proposed:** Cllr Mrs James **Seconded:** Cllr Robinson **Vote:** For: 5

**Resolution:** Agreed.

Clerk

### 38/11 PLAY PARK PROJECT

Members considered the equipment for Phase 2 of the project, and obtaining a definitive quote for the costs from Komplan, whether the current equipment should be replaced or retained, and amending the insurance cover to include Phase 1 equipment.

Discussion: Obtaining quotes for items separately, options for where the equipment should be located. The need for quotes for external funding, involvement and assistance from the people involved in Phase 1 and the Parish Plan for fund raising. The cost of installation and maintenance. Matters arising from Phase 1 (tunnel, fencing), whether there should be fencing for Phase 2, and equipment replacement/retention options.

**For Decision:** The insurance cover for the new play park was to be amended to cover the Phase 1 equipment.

**Proposed:** Cllr Mrs James **Seconded:** Cllr Moulard **Vote:** 5

**Resolution:** Agreed.

**For Decision:** Kompan Ltd were to provide a definitive quote for Phase 2 of the Project (Zip Wire, Zig Zag Ladder, and Dino Swing and installation).

The quote was to provide separate costings for each item, location options, and options for the replacement/retention of old items, and to be presented to the next meeting.

**Proposed:** The Chairman **Seconded:** Cllr Mrs James **Vote:** 5

**Resolution:** Agreed.

Clerk

### 39/11 RECREATION COMMITTEE BUDGET 2012/2013

Discussion: The insurance figure which had not increased, allocating funds for Phase 2 of the play park project, and how the Earmarked and General Reserves were used.

**For decision:** To accept the draft budget as presented.

**Proposed:** The Chairman **Seconded:** Cllr Moulard **Vote:** For: 5

**Resolution:** Agreed.

Clerk

### 40/11 LIPHOOK CARNIVAL AND BONFIRE 2011

Members considered the use of the Village Green, Radford Park, and the Parish Council recreation vehicle for the Carnival and Bonfire.

**For Decision:** Use of the Village Green (25-31 October), Radford Park (29 October), and the Parish Council recreation vehicle to tow the Carnival Float subject to the usual agreement.

**Proposed:** The Chairman **Seconded:** Cllr Mrs James **Vote:** For: 5

**Resolution:** Agreed.

Clerk

**41/11 EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**The Motion:** “This Council resolves to exclude members of the public and the press during the consideration of the following items, as it is likely, that there would be disclosure of exempt information as specified in the Local Government Act 1972”.

**Decision:** The motion.

**Proposed:** The Chairman **Seconded:** Cllr Mrs James **Vote:** For: 5

**Resolution:** Agreed.

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