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**THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES AND ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE
NEXT MEETING ON 14TH MAY 2012**

**A MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE AT 8.00
PM IN THE HASKELL CENTRE, MIDHURST ROAD, LIPHOOK ON
MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2012**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllr J Poole (Chairman), Cllr B Mouland, Cllr P Robinson, Cllr P Jordan. Six members of the public and one member of the press were also present.

01/12 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chairman ran through Mobile Phones, Exits, Loop System, Toilets.

02/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr D Jerrard, Cllr A James Mr H Rudgard (Parish Council Sports Representative)

03/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

04/12 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2011.

Proposed Cllr J Poole, Seconded CllrB Mouland - approved

05/12 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising

06/12 REPORTS

The Sport and Recreation report from Mr Rudgard was circulated to all present at the meeting (copy in minute book). Thanks were expressed for a full and informative report. Congratulations was expressed to the Football club and to all the local clubs than are run to make Liphook such a thriving community. Congratulations were also expressed to the ground staff for maintaining the recreation ground to such a high standard. In addition, it was noted that the Recreation Ground had been nominated by the local Hampshire FA Division for Groundsman of the year and were in the final top five. An inspection would be held on Wednesday 15th February by the FA panel.

07/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The declaration was read out by the chairman.

Public Questions.

The meeting was adjourned.

It was agreed that public participation would be allowed for items on the agenda when the item is considered.

A member of the public asked whether we could consider developing a swimming pool to cater for the influx of families to the Parish. It was felt this would only be possible to consider further if there was a lot of public support, petitions and effort by the public in the Parish. Pools are very expensive to develop and maintain. However, it was agreed that some work would be done to investigate what others have done to develop a swimming pool and how they are funded.

A question was raised as to why the Liphook cricket team was not using the recreation ground. It was explained that following some improvements on the site, the cricket club had never been back to inspect the site. The club will be contacted to ascertain whether they wish to use the facilities in the future.

Concern was expressed over the amount of dog fouling that occurs on the recreation ground and what can be done. This was an item that had come up at the full Council meeting. Consideration will be given to passing a byelaw to tackle this problem. The extent to which any byelaw restricted access was still to be agreed, but would be an agenda item on the next Parish Meeting

The meeting was reconvened

8/12 FAIR ON VILLAGE GREEN

It was noted that Mr P Shayler of Showtime Amusements had requested the use of the Village Green from 16th to 23rd July. As this had been agreed the previous year and had been successful, it was agreed that the Fair be allowed to use the green for the dates stated.

09/12 ALLOTMENTS

Ms Fox raised her concerns about the drainage and in particular, a substance in the soil that she regarded as potentially toxic. As a result, she had not been prepared to consume

produce grown on the allotment. Her particular allotment was at the top of the site. The followed a full discussion about the problem and what could be done. It was agreed that a site visit would be arranged between Ms Fox and Parish representatives to understand the problem. It was noted that the substance may not been seen on the visit but did not mean it was not present. Following this visit, the Parish would take advice and this would most likely include some appropriate soil testing. It was further agreed that there would be some benefit in establishing an allotment committee and Ms fox agreed to coordinate this. The Parish Clerk will send a letter to all allotment holders to ascertain who may be interested in joining this committee.

10/12 RECREATION GROUND FOOTBALL PITCH

Representation were made on behalf of the Liphook Football Club. The club was very successful but risked further progress as facilities were not up to requirements. The pitch size was too small, changing facilities not up to FA requirements and toilet facilities are inadequate. It was agreed that the pitch could be rotated although this would reduce the number of junior pitches, with would be acceptable. The solution longer term was to find another site where pitch size, barriers and floodlights would not be a problem. It was reported that following a similar request at the Parish meeting, it had been agree that Cllr P Jordan would be looking into this but needed to meet with some representative from the club to discuss the issues in more detail. It was agreed that no further action will be taken until these preliminary discussions have taken place.

11/12 OPEN GARDEN SCHEME

It was agreed that the allotments can participate in the open garden scheme 2012.

12/12 CIRCUS

Following consideration of two requests to hold a circus in the Parish, it was agreed that further investigation would take place to ascertain the nature of these circuses. This will then be reported back to the next meeting for decision.

13/12 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 J Poole, Seconded Cllr P Robinson - Approved